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Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh

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Hon'ble Justice **Shri. A. S. Bopanna**
Judge, Supreme Court of India

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Judge, Supreme Court of India

Hon'ble Justice **Shri. Aravind Kumar**
Judge, Supreme Court of India

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Hon'ble Justice **Shri. G. Narendar**
Judge, High Court of Karnataka
& Executive Chairman, KSLSA

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NEARBY

Nandini milk to cost ₹3 more from Aug. 1

BENGALURU
The State Cabinet, which met on Thursday, is learnt to have cleared the proposal by KMF to hike the selling prices of its Nandini milk by ₹3 a litre. The new prices will be effective from August 1. Milk price was last increased in November 2022 by ₹2 a litre. » Page 3

Keeping literature on violence not a terror act, says SC; grants bail to duo

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday granted bail to activists Vernon Gonsalves and Arun Ferreira, accused in the Bhima-Koregaon case. They had spent five years in jail. The court highlighted that merely holding literature propagating violent acts or participation in seminars will not constitute a 'terrorist act' under the draconian Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA),1967.

Vernon Gonsalves

The 54-page judgment also held that mere association or the professing of association with a terror organisation is not enough to attract the offence of "membership" of such an outfit. It held that the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has to "*prima facie* establish" that a person is associated with a terror organisation with the intention to further its terrorist activities. Only then can "appellants be brought within the fold of the offence relating to membership of a terrorist organisation", held a Bench headed by Justice Aniruddha Bose.

The case pertains to the Elgar Parishad conclave held in Pune on December 31, 2017, which was funded by Maoists, as per the Pune police. The inflammatory speeches made there led to violence at the Koregaon-Bhima war memorial in Pune the next day in which one person was killed, the police had alleged. Other activists arrested in the case were Sudha Bharadwaj, P. Vara Vara Rao and Gautam Navlakha. While Ms. Bhardwaj and Mr. Rao got bail earlier, Mr. Navlakha is under house arrest.

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SC asks Centre, six States to respond to plea on lynchings

Mob fury and vigilantism continue despite a five-year-old SC judgment, which made governments accountable for protecting victims: petitioner

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday asked the Centre and at least six States to respond to a plea about recurring lynchings and mob violence.

The plea said gruesome incidents of mob fury and vigilantism continue to happen despite a five-year-old top court judgment, which had made the government machinery squarely accountable for protecting the lives of victims, including minority community members.

Mounting fears: A file photo of people protesting against mob lynching, at Iqbal Maidan in Bhopal. A.M.FARUQUI

'Don't direct us to HC'

Appearing before a Bench led by Justice B.R. Gavai, senior advocate Kapil Sibal began by requesting the court not to tell him to go to the High Courts.

He said the incidents span multiple States. The victims should not be made to go to all these High Courts.

"Even if they did, they might end up getting ₹2 lakh each as compensation," the senior lawyer said.

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Unsafe landings rise as IndiGo seeks to cut fuel costs

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

IndiGo's attempts to save about six kg of fuel per flight, by recommending soft landings using only three of an aircraft's wing flaps, may be leading to an increase in unsafe landings, according to its pilots.

On Friday, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) imposed a fine of ₹30 lakh on IndiGo for tail strikes during recent landings. The airline's pilots claim that such unsafe landings are a direct result of IndiGo's "over-emphasis on reducing fuel usage".

Following four tail strike incidents on IndiGo's Airbus A321 aircraft in six months this year, the regulator carried out a special audit of the airline and found "systemic deficiencies" in "operations, training and engineering procedures", according to a DGCA statement. Subsequently, the DGCA served a show-cause notice on the airline, to which IndiGo responded, saying no procedures had been violated.

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The man who put Egypt on the world table tennis map

Omar Assar's obsession with the sport has driven him to historic performances at the Olympics and World Championships. But the 32-year-old, who rubs shoulders with Mohamed Salah in the list of most popular Egyptian athletes, thinks he hasn't hit his ceiling yet

Amol Karhadkar

"Had I not been a table tennis player, I would have been a table tennis fan. I cannot imagine having done anything that was not associated with table tennis."

The statement may come across as a glorification of his passion, but Omar Assar – the smiling assassin – says it as a matter of fact. After all, the first Egyptian to well and truly put his country on the world table tennis map has literally grown up with the game.

Desouk, a small city in north Egypt, can be equated with Siliguri. Just like the hilly town in north Bengal has table tennis in its genes, Desouk – despite the rest of Egypt being crazy about football – is a table tennis city.

No wonder then that Omar picked up a racquet when he was barely four years old, with younger brother Khalid joining him on the 9'x5' table soon. The duo kept improving but Khalid hasn't been able to match his big brother's leap in the table tennis arena – or his reach on the table.

Addicted to table tennis

"It's the No. 1 sport in the city, watched even more than soccer, which is unusual for Egypt. My father and uncle were addicted to the sport, my uncle was a professor for sport in the university. He came back to Desouk after retirement and dedicated himself to us, which helped me and my brother as we got better conditions for training and playing matches. It was a lovely atmosphere around us," Omar – in India to represent Puneri Paltan TT in the fourth edition of Ultimate Table Tennis – tells *The Hindu* in a candid chat.

> I have always enjoyed watching and playing table tennis. In good and bad times. It was always the No. 1 thing in my life. Table tennis was something meant for me

"I have always enjoyed watching and playing table tennis. In good and bad times. It was always the No. 1 thing in my life. I never had anything else to choose from. Table tennis was something meant for me. I never dreamt of being a successful engineer or doctor. I always wanted to be a table tennis player, which was unusual because you never know what the future looks like. Especially in Egypt, where it was not a very well-followed sport."

Over the last decade and a half, Omar – who turned 32 last week – has not only emerged as the best Egyptian to ever play the game but has also stamped his authority as the most successful Arabic paddler and has joined Nigeria's Quadri Aruna as Africa's finest.

After becoming the second African to reach the Olympic singles quarterfinals in Tokyo two years ago, taking a set off gold medallist Ma Long in the process, Omar followed Quadri into the history books again at the World Championships earlier this year when he made the last eight.

GETTY IMAGES

As intimidating as he appears on the table, Omar – the 6'4" unit – is a soft-spoken individual.

In addition to his upbringing in a table tennis-loving family in a table tennis-crazy city, Omar credits the early exposure to the European circuit for his rise. At 14, he was awarded an ITTF scholarship and started training in short stints in Falkenberg, Sweden.

Sweden – for a long time – was the only country to thwart Chinese domination. And a young Omar was in awe to not only watch legends such as Jan-Ove Waldner and Jorgen Persson train but also interact with them.

That's where he met Peter Karlsson, a member of the golden generation of Swedish table tennis. "I was his first student, he was still active as a player but since then, I started training with him," says Omar.

Second home

Since his first stint in Sweden in 2006, the country has become a second home for Omar. He may have lived and played in Germany, where he met his wife, and in France, but it's the Scandinavian nation that he has fallen in love with. In fact, he is also a Swedish citizen now.

But that hasn't stopped Omar from flying the Egyptian flag high. In fact, every time he goes back home – "mostly once every year in summer and once in the winter since I am travelling all over for tournaments for the rest of the year" – he feels blessed to be Egyptian.

And Omar admits he is inadvertently reminded of his ultimate goal. "Over the last couple of years, my personal ambition has become a sort of national obsession. Whenever I am roaming around the streets of Cairo or Alexandria, I come across many who stop me and tell me: 'We want to see you on the Olympic podium'. It's an amazing feeling. I am so lucky to live in this moment," he says.

Omar knows the road to the podium in Paris is not going to be as easy as winning his three African Championship titles. But the 32-year-old who speaks four languages believes in himself.

"I am a trier and like I said, I don't know anything apart from table tennis that drives me, so I hope I can get there," he says. "The Olympics is the greatest sporting platform, far ahead of any other event. Just to be inside the village and watching all the legends in front of you. Seeing them train, be in the gym with them, watching them support other athletes along with you on the screen, it's unmatchable."

Still climbing

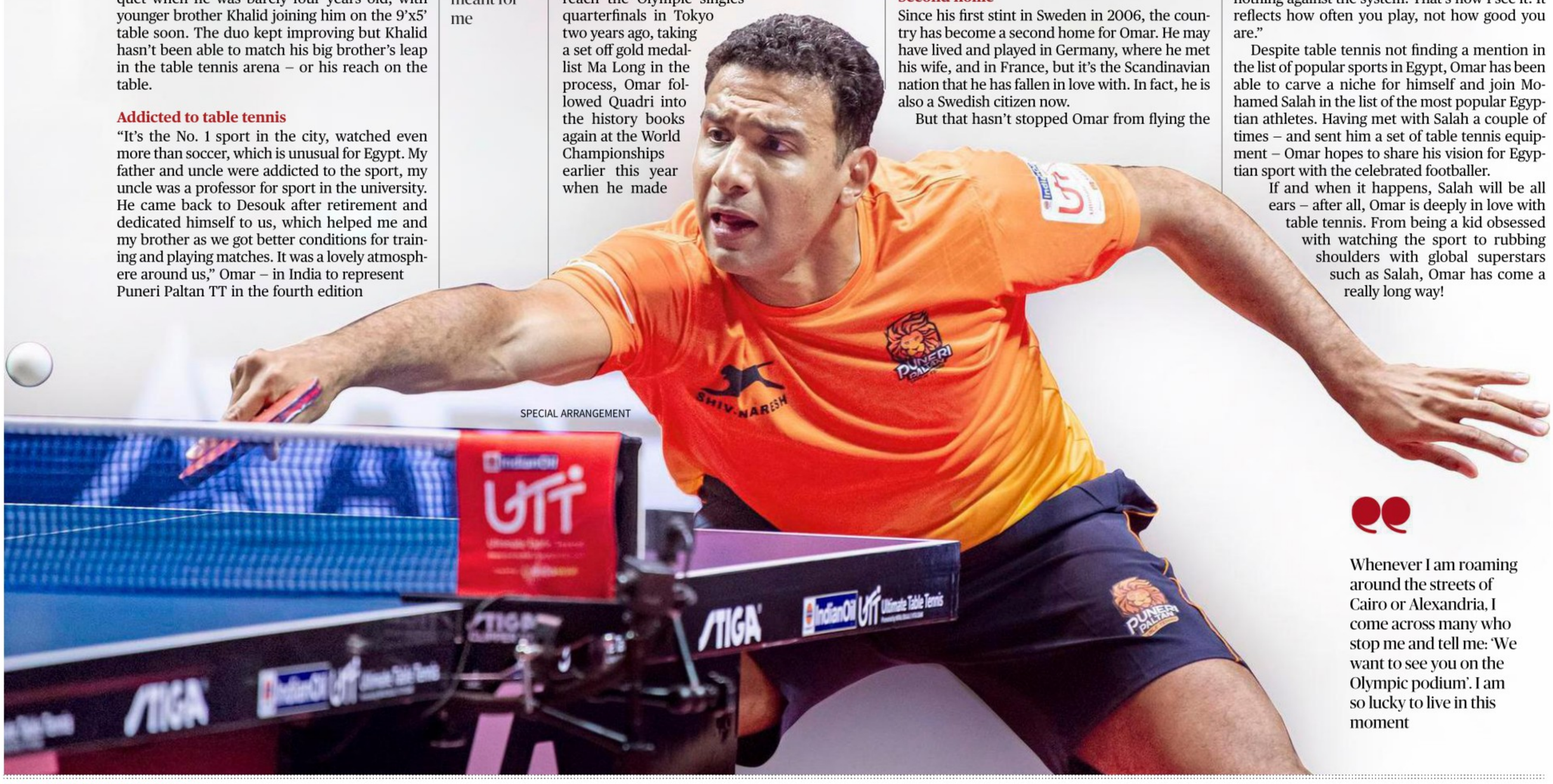
In the latest rankings update released on July 25, Omar has risen to World No. 21. Add this to his consistent performances on the WTT circuit over the last couple of years and the quarterfinal appearances in the Olympics and the World Championships, and you are convinced Omar is at the peak of his powers. But he doesn't look at it that way.

"I don't see myself as being at my peak. In fact, I never feel it since I tend to erase the slate very easily. I tend to forget what happened and look ahead. I have a high ceiling and I can climb up there. I am still climbing. I still feel there is a long way to go," he says.

"I don't think the rankings are accurate. It's nothing against the system. That's how I see it. It reflects how often you play, not how good you are."

Despite table tennis not finding a mention in the list of popular sports in Egypt, Omar has been able to carve a niche for himself and join Mohamed Salah in the list of the most popular Egyptian athletes. Having met with Salah a couple of times – and sent him a set of table tennis equipment – Omar hopes to share his vision for Egyptian sport with the celebrated footballer.

If and when it happens, Salah will be all ears – after all, Omar is deeply in love with table tennis. From being a kid obsessed with watching the sport to rubbing shoulders with global superstars such as Salah, Omar has come a really long way!



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STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	20	9,375	18
2	Novak Djokovic	36	8,795	17
3	Daniil Medvedev	27	6,520	23
4	Casper Ruud	24	4,905	23
5	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	4,850	22
6	Holger Rune	20	4,825	24
7	Andrey Rublev	25	4,730	25
8	Jannik Sinner	21	3,975	23
9	Taylor Fritz	25	3,310	25
10	Frances Tiafoe	25	3,130	23
11	Karen Khachanov	27	2,945	20
12	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	2,770	22
13	Cameron Norrie	27	2,610	23
14	Tommy Paul	26	2,345	26
15	Borna Coric	26	2,225	20

Top Indians ▸

Sumit Nagal
Rank 178 ▲ 53 spots

Mukund Sasikumar
Rank 346 ▲ 10 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	22	9,315	19
2	Aryna Sabalenka	25	8,845	18
3	Elena Rybakina	24	5,465	21
4	Jessica Pegula	29	5,395	19
5	Caroline Garcia	29	4,865	24
6	Ons Jabeur	28	4,846	18
7	Coco Gauff	19	3,390	20
8	Petra Kvitova	33	3,341	16
9	Maria Sakkari	27	3,310	23
10	Marketa Vondrousova	24	3,106	15
11	Daria Kasatkina	26	3,015	26
12	Barbora Krejcikova	27	2,840	21
13	Beatriz Haddad Maia	27	2,745	24
14	Veronika Kudermetova	26	2,570	23
15	Belinda Bencic	26	2,560	18

Top Indians ▸

Ankita Raina
Rank 200 ▼ 1 spot

Karman Thandi
Rank 210 ▲ 51 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	281	9
2	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	171	2
3	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	139	0
4	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	133	0
5	George Russell	Mercedes	90	0
6	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	87	0
7	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	80	0
8	Lando Norris	McLaren	60	0
9	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	45	0
10	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	31	0
11	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	27	0
12	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	16	0
13	Alex Albon	Williams	11	0
14	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	9	0
15	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	5	0
16	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	4	0
17	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	2	0
18	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	2	0
19	Logan Sargeant	Williams	0	0
20	Daniel Ricciardo	AlphaTauri	0	0

Max Verstappen

Sergio Perez

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	Red Bull	452	11
2	Mercedes	223	0
3	Aston Martin	184	0
4	Ferrari	167	0
5	McLaren	87	0
6	Alpine	47	0
7	Williams	11	0
8	Haas	11	0
9	Alfa Romeo	9	0
10	AlphaTauri	2	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Viktor Axelsen	101,205	12
2	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	87,211	15
3	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	76,528	16
4	Kodai Naraoka	75,635	21
5	Shi Yu Qi	72,174	19
6	Li Shi Feng	71,448	20
7	Loh Kean Yew	71,262	19
8	Chou Tien Chen	68,627	20
9	Jonatan Christie	67,541	14
10	Prannoy H. S.	66,957	18
11	Kenta Nishimoto	61,707	21
12	Anders Antonsen	60,490	14
13	Lakshya Sen	56,201	19
14	Lu Guang Zu	55,980	18
15	Ng Ka Long Angus	54,522	20

Top Indians ▸

Prannoy H. S.
Rank 10

Lakshya Sen
Rank 13

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Akane Yamaguchi	104,517	16
2	An Se Young	102,264	15
3	Chen Yu Fei	93,396	14
4	Tai Tzu Ying	89,286	13
5	He Bing Jiao	79,974	16
6	Carolina Marin	76,890	17
7	Ratchanok Intanon	66,103	16
8	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	63,011	20
9	Han Yue	61,480	19
10	Pornpawee Chochuwong	56,979	19
11	Wang Zhi Yi	56,670	16
12	Beiwen Zhang	53,995	20
13	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	53,444	14
14	Michelle Li	52,711	19
15	Mia Blichfeldt	49,759	18

Top Indians ▸

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 17

Saina Nehwal
Rank 37

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Kane Williamson	883	919
2	Marnus Labuschagne	869	937
3	Joe Root	852	923
4	Travis Head	847	884
5	Babar Azam	835	882
6	Steve Smith	833	947
7	Daryl Mitchell	792	800
8	Usman Khawaja	788	847
9	Dimuth Karunaratne	759	783
9	Rohit Sharma	759	813

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	879	904
2	Kagiso Rabada	825	902
3	Pat Cummins	802	914
4	James Anderson	789	903
5	Shaheen Afridi	784	836
6	Ravindra Jadeja	782	899
7	Prabath Jayasuriya	781	781
8	Stuart Broad	771	880
9	Ollie Robinson	769	820
10	Nathan Lyon	767	799

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	886	898
2	Rassie van der Dussen	777	796
3	Fakhar Zaman	755	784
4	Imam-ul-Haq	745	815
5	Shubman Gill	738	738
6	Harry Tector	726	726
6	David Warner	726	880
8	Virat Kohli	719	911
9	Quinton de Kock	718	813
10	Rohit Sharma	707	885

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Josh Hazlewood	705	733
2	Mohammed Siraj	691	736
3	Mitchell Starc	686	783
4	Rashid Khan	682	806
5	Matt Henry	667	691
6	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	661	712
7	Trent Boult	660	775
8	Adam Zampa	652	655
9	Shaheen Afridi	630	688
10	Shakib Al Hasan	618	717

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	906	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	811	875
3	Babar Azam	756	896
4	Aiden Markram	748	796
5	Rilee Rossouw	724	724
6	Muhammad Waseem	716	716
7	Devon Conway	709	831
8	Dawid Malan	705	915
9	Aaron Finch	680	900
10	Jos Buttler	670	674

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	713	816
2	Josh Hazlewood	690	806
3	Wanindu Hasaranga	686	797
4	Maheesh Theekshana	684	684
4	Adil Rashid	684	746
6	Adam Zampa	678	743
7	Fazalhaq Farooqi	677	692
8	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	745
9	Sam Curran	673	688
10	Anrich Nortje	667	695

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Myth of the 'ideal home'

Meticulous research and expertise are needed before buying the home on a whim, says **Santhosh Kumar**

HOUSING

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You are introduced to it in advertisements and hoardings. Radio jingles and TV commercials also draw your attention to the ideal home, or 'dream home'. But is there really such a thing in India?

While everyone carries a picture of their dream home in their hearts, that image usually does not translate into reality.

People long to stay close to nature, yet also close to the excitement and opportunities of the city. They long for a home in an environment unpolluted by noise and vehicle emissions, and yet depend heavily on public transport.

Indian homebuyers today need to be realistic enough to accept that the 'ideal home' is more or less unattainable and are content with settling for the best they can get.

The pitfalls

In their search for the 'ideal home', Indian homebuyers can get carried away on quite a few fronts:

- They may over-leverage their budget to buy a costlier flat than their financial situation justifies, in locations which – while having a certain social 'feel-good' factor – may not necessarily deliver an improved lifestyle
- They may choose a less cluttered and less polluted area, and as a result become stuck in a location bereft of basic facilities such as regular water and electricity supply, or access to important social infrastructures such as shopping, schools and hospitals.

Such homes will not see any real capital appreciation, eliminating the potential for putting them back on the market to move to another area.

- On the flip side, they may lay excessive importance on the ability to commute to and from work conveniently and wind up buying a home in a polluted, stress-inducing area that compromises their physical and mental health.

Lured by promises of their dream home at attractively low rates, countless Indian homebuyers have fallen prey to marketing hype in previous years, and have paid a heavy price. Now that RERA, or Real Estate Regulatory Authority, is in place, the risk of buying into a project that gets unduly delayed or does not take off has been greatly reduced, as has the potential for low-grade construction.

The current market presents buyers with the option of buying a de-risked, ready-to-move property at a reasonable price which can be further negotiated.

The resale market, however, is still risky for 'ideal home' seekers. It is not protected by RERA. So, while it can offer properties in aspirational locations, buyers may end up purchasing a flat in an old project that requires high maintenance or that turns out to be illegally constructed and could be demolished.

What to watch out for

Homebuyers need to focus on properties that fall within their current and future budget. The house they buy now should fulfil their requirements for at least the next four-five years. It will be pointless for an end-user to enter the market with an investor's mindset and hope to upgrade quickly if the property turns out to be a bad choice. For the same reason, it makes no sense to buy in a cheaper project or locality which lacks basic essentials of a satisfactory lifestyle.

It is highly advisable to use the services of a reputable property consultancy, who can offer the benefit of expert guidance. The concept of an 'ideal home' tugs at the heartstrings, but a home needs to be bought with the head, not the heart.

The writer is Vice-Chairman, ANAROCK Group.

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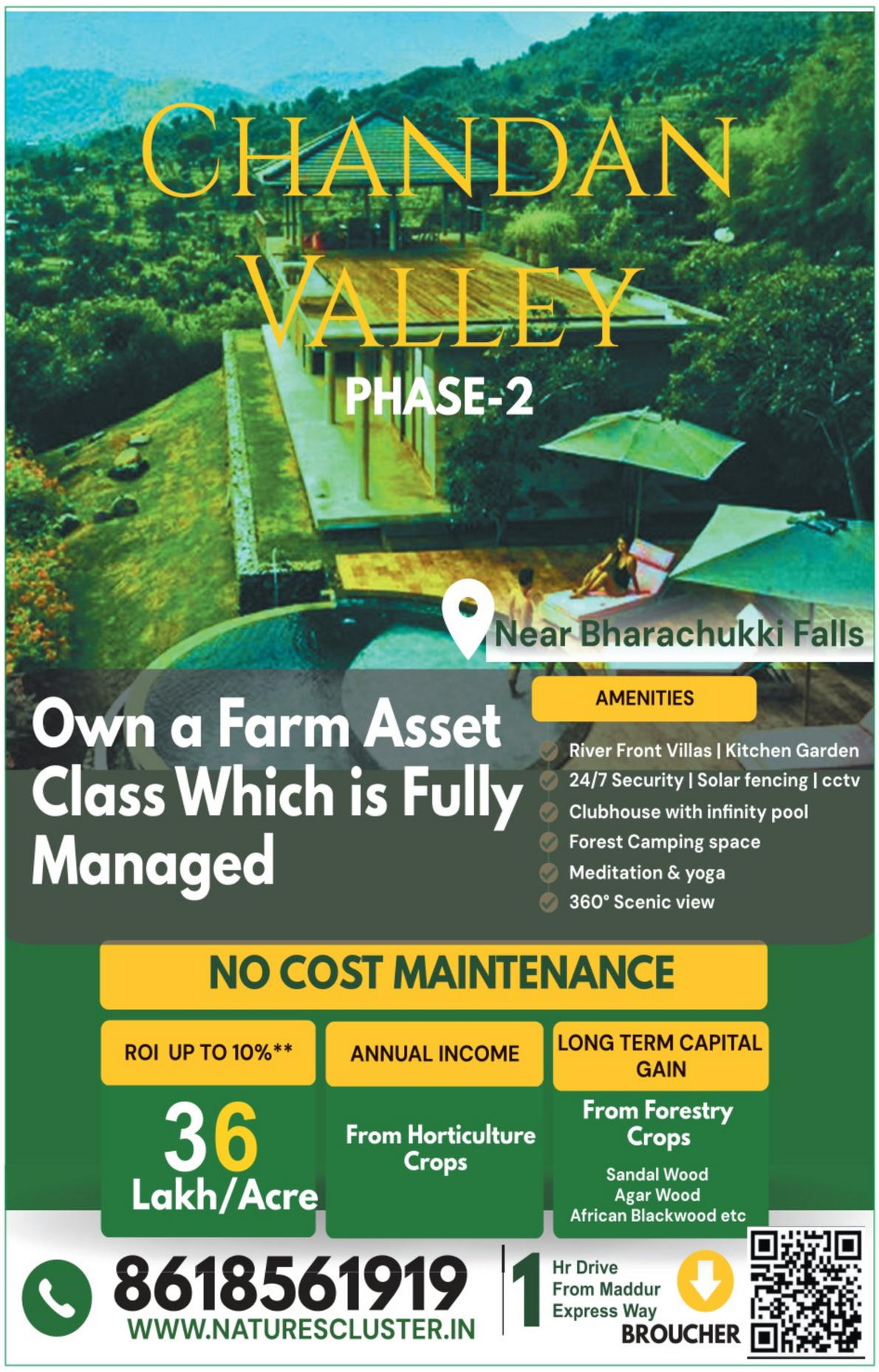

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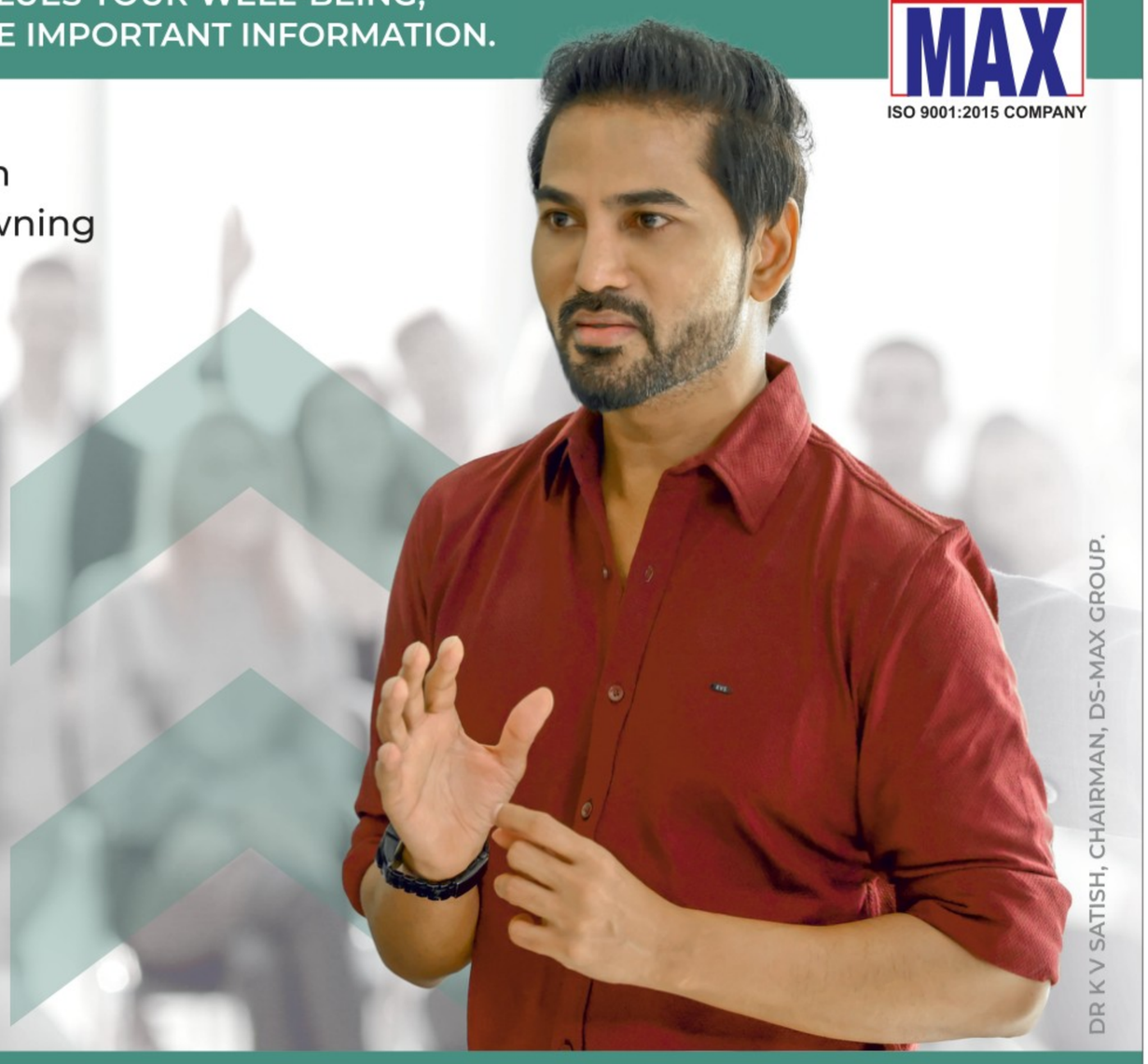

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Brian Harman: the tough nut that refused to crack

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The 36-year-old American golfer — the oldest first-time Major winner since Sergio Garcia, who was 37 when he won the 2017 Masters — scripted a famous victory at the British Open. It was a triumph of his never-say-die attitude and his ability to seize the moment when it presented itself

Reuters
Associated Press

Last Saturday, when he made two bogeys in four holes and his British Open lead over Jon Rahm was down to two, Brian Harman smashed a 3-wood onto the green at the par-5 fifth for a birdie.

It was on that hole, on that day, that the 36-year-old American said he heard a spectator say, "Harman, you don't have the stones for this." The derisive taunt was sweet music to the diminutive lefty with Georgia grit and something to prove – to himself and anyone watching.

For, nothing motivates Harman like being told he can't do something. "If they wanted me to not play well, they should have been really nice to me," he said with a smile.

Chip on his shoulder

It's an attitude three-time Major winner Padraig Harrington appreciatively describes as the "perfect chip on his shoulder". "I think Brian Harman is a very dogged person. Nearly every day he goes out on the golf course like he's playing with a chip on his shoulder, like he's fighting something," said Harrington. "He's a great player but is ignored just because he doesn't fit the mould, doesn't look the part. But he's a tough nut, I can tell you that."

> I've thought about winning Majors for my whole entire life. It's the whole reason I work as hard as I do and why I practise as much as I do and why I sacrifice as much as I do

Harman's pluck enabled him to turn back every challenge at the British Open, from big names to foul weather, as he took his place in history among Major champions. Next to Harman on a table last Sunday evening was the silver claret jug, the oldest trophy in golf, his name now engraved on the base. "To win what I consider is the greatest prize in golf, it's as good as it gets," he said.

It was not a triumph experts and bookmakers saw coming. Indeed, few of the thousands of fans who huddled under a sea of umbrellas on the final day would have tipped the World No. 26 to win before the tournament. Harman had gone 167 events over six years without tasting victory on the PGA Tour. His last win came at the 2017 Wells Fargo Championship. Now Harman is the 11th different champion in 12 Majors over the past three years.

The victory shone a light on what it takes to win a golf Major – of how challenging, even improbable, an ambition it is for a majority of golfers, of the number of things that need to align for the perfect moment to appear, and of how this can come after years of failure. But unless players believe that their moment is out there and are ready to step up when it presents itself, all the effort, the training, the sacrifices they have endured will fall short.

Harman had let the 2017 US Open slip from his grasp after leading the tournament at the end of round three, stumbling to a closing 72 as Brooks Koepka shot 67 to win by four strokes. But he was determined to prevent a repeat of that result at Royal Liverpool.

"I've always had a self-belief that I could do something like this," Harman said. "It's just, when it takes so much time, it's hard not to let your mind falter, like maybe I'm not winning again. I'm 36 years old. Game is getting younger. All these young guys coming out hit it a mile and they're all ready to win. Like, when is it going to be my turn again?

Getting over the hump

"Someone mentioned that I've had more top-10s than anyone since 2017, so that's a lot of times you're like, 'Damn it, man, I had that one.' It just didn't happen for whatever reason. To come out and put a performance like that together ... I don't know why this week, but I'm very thankful that it was this week."

The surprise was that Harman didn't have a history of this kind of performance on the professional tour, given his success and reputation as an amateur. "I had a lot of success as a junior golfer," Harman said. "I won the US Junior, and then as an amateur I was the No. 1 ranked amateur in the world for a good while, was the youngest American to get picked for the Walker Cup. I had success. Like, I had the pedigree.

"Then I got to college and it just kind of sputtered a little bit. I just didn't keep up with the progression. My pro career has been really good at times and not good at times. Last year felt like I kind of found something a little bit, and yeah, man, I'm just... I don't know. It's been great."

So what did Harman do to put himself in a position to embrace his moment?

For four days in sunshine and rain, short sleeves and rain suits, Harman hit into only three bunkers at Royal Liverpool, the key to scoring. He took only 106 putts, key to any golf course. Off the tee, he rarely missed his mark. And between the ears, he was as strong as ever.

He proved that the old adage 'drives are for show and putts are for dough' still applies; his magic touch on the greens kept him out of reach. He found a new putting aid that helped him stop hooking his putts and delivered an astonishing performance.

At 36, he is the oldest first-time Major winner since Sergio Garcia, who was 37 when he won the Masters in 2017. But the fascination with Harman at the British Open had little to do with his golf in the early running. All anyone seemed to care about was his life as an outdoorsman: he has a hunting estate and spends his spare time with crossbows or on tractors. One tabloid called him "Brian the Butcher." Another headline screamed, "I Shoot to Thrill."

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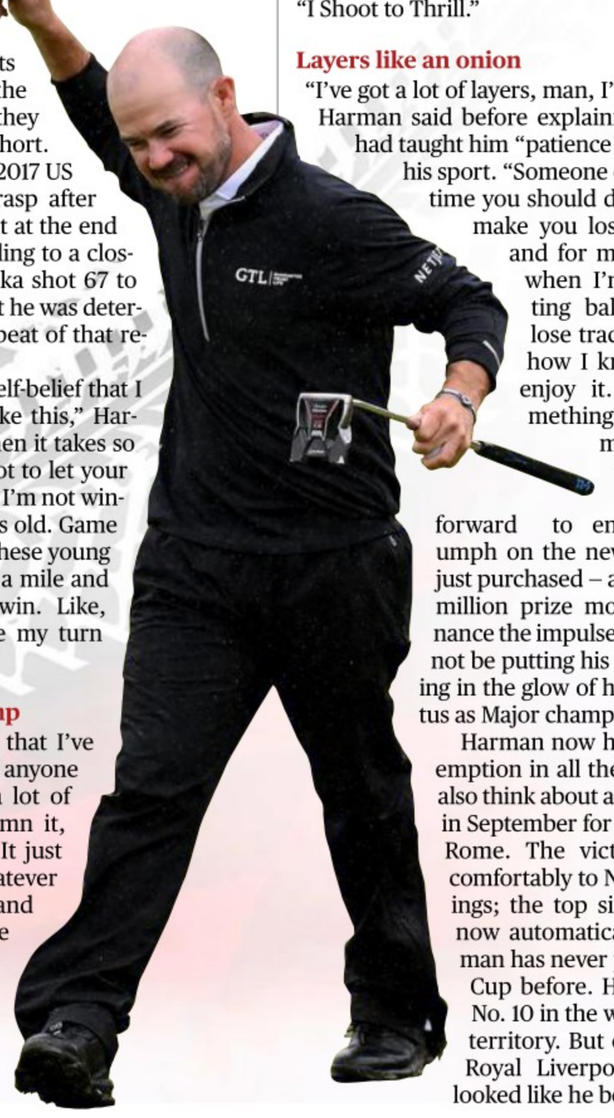
Layers like an onion

"I've got a lot of layers, man, I'm like an onion," Harman said before explaining how hunting had taught him "patience and strategy" for his sport. "Someone once told me one time you should do the things that make you lose track of time, and for me, a lot of times when I'm practising hitting balls or putting, I lose track of time. That's how I know that I really enjoy it. Hunting is something else that makes me lose track of time."

He is looking forward to enjoying his triumph on the new tractor he has just purchased – a portion of his $3 million prize money is set to finance the impulse buy – but he will not be putting his feet up and bathing in the glow of his new-found status as Major champion.

Harman now has a five-year exemption in all the Majors and can also think about a return to Europe in September for the Ryder Cup in Rome. The victory moves him comfortably to No. 3 in the standings; the top six a month from now automatically qualify. Harman has never played in a Ryder Cup before. He also moved to No. 10 in the world. This is new territory. But over four days at Royal Liverpool, he certainly looked like he belonged.



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Splash the cash: most expensive football transfers

With reports of a €300 million bid from Saudi Arabia coming in for PSG's Kylian Mbappe, the transfer silly season is in full swing. It's a good time to look at the 25 biggest buys in club football history. This window has already seen two moves, Declan Rice to Arsenal and Jude Bellingham to Real Madrid, make the all-time list. Including Enzo Fernandez's Chelsea shift in January, 2023 has witnessed three transfers in excess of the €100 million mark.

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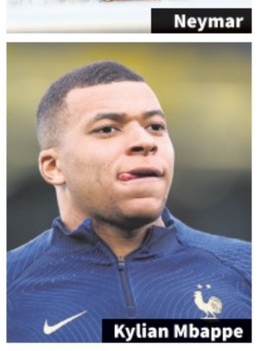

Kylian Mbappe

Philippe Coutinho

Player	From	To	Transfer fee	Year
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Kylian Mbappe	Monaco	PSG	€180.00m	2018
Philippe Coutinho	Liverpool	Barcelona	€135.00m	2018
Ousmane Dembele	Dortmund	Barcelona	€135.00m	2017
Joao Felix	Benfica	Atletico Madrid	€127.20m	2019
Enzo Fernandez	Benfica	Chelsea	€121.00m	2023
Antoine Griezmann	Atletico Madrid	Barcelona	€120.00m	2019
Jack Grealish	Aston Villa	Man. City	€117.50m	2021
Cristiano Ronaldo	Real Madrid	Juventus	€117.00m	2018
Declan Rice	West Ham	Arsenal	€116.60m	2023
Eden Hazard	Chelsea	Real Madrid	€115.00m	2019
Romelu Lukaku	Inter Milan	Chelsea	€113.00m	2021
Paul Pogba	Juventus	Man. United	€105.00m	2016
Jude Bellingham	Dortmund	Real Madrid	€103.00m	2023
Gareth Bale	Tottenham	Real Madrid	€101.00m	2013
Antony	Ajax	Man. United	€95.00m	2022
Cristiano Ronaldo	Man. United	Real Madrid	€94.00m	2009
Gonzalo Higuain	Napoli	Juventus	€90.00m	2016
Neymar	Santos	Barcelona	€88.00m	2013
Harry Maguire	Leicester City	Man. United	€87.00m	2019
Frenkie de Jong	Ajax	Barcelona	€86.00m	2019
Matthijs de Ligt	Ajax	Juventus	€85.50m	2019
Jadon Sancho	Dortmund	Man. United	€85.00m	2021
Romelu Lukaku	Everton	Man. United	€84.70m	2017
Virgil van Dijk	Southampton	Liverpool	€84.65m	2018

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Cold comfort

A few very brave people prepare for a race during a winter swimming competition held by the Merewether Mackerels swimming club at the Merewether Ocean Baths earlier this month in Newcastle, Australia.

Just why anyone would want to plunge into icy water when they could be tucked under a warm blanket nursing a hot beverage of choice is perhaps a question these hardy men and women don't wrestle with often.

Several winter swimming enthusiasts have, however, confessed to having a 'love-hate relationship' with the cold water; so it isn't like the frozen thrillseekers are unaware of how others feel about the activity — if they are aware of its existence, that is.

The Mackerels were founded in 1972 as a male-only group but now have almost more women than men and multiple generations from the same families. After the social races in the largest ocean baths in the southern hemisphere the members get together for a cup of hot soup.

There are risks and benefits associated with winter swimming. So it's best done after due diligence, not on a whim.

Two electrocuted after car crash

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Two persons were electrocuted after a car crashed into an electricity pole near the Railway workshop at Ashokapuram on the Mysuru-Mananthavadi road here on Thursday midnight. Theincident happened when a group of three youths took a car out for a spin on the highway and the driver, Ravi, lost control of the vehicle while returning to the city and hit a electricity pole.

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Cabinet clears milk price hike by ₹3 a litre from Aug. 1

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Nandini toned milk sold at ₹39 a litre, will cost ₹42 from August 1.

The State Cabinet, which met on Thursday, is learnt to have cleared the proposal by Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) to hike the selling prices of its 'Nandini' milk by ₹3 a litre. The new prices will be effective from August 1.

A meeting of representatives of KMF and district milk unions convened by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on July 21 had decided to hike the consumer prices of milk.

The meeting had decided to pass on the proceeds from the increase in prices to farmers.

Though the KMF had sought a hike of ₹5 a litre, the Chief Minister had agreed to a hike of ₹3.

The consumer prices of milk was last increased in November 2022 by ₹2 a litre. Despite that hike, the selling price of Nandini milk in Karnataka is cheaper when compared with that of private companies. While KMF milk's price starts from ₹39 a litre, private firms are selling their milk in the range of ₹48 to ₹52 a litre.

Presently, the milk procurement price for farmers is pegged at ₹30 a litre as the milk unions recently slashed the price by ₹2.85. The farmers are concerned that milk production would be a loss-making venture as the prices of cattle feed and hay stock have gone up.

Jayachandra receives threat call over his stand on BMIC

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T.B. Jayachandra

Congress MLA T.B. Jayachandra received a threat call over his stand on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor Project (BMIC) of the Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprises (NICE).

The former Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister in the budget session participating in a debate alleged that the NICE had failed to build an expressway from Bengaluru to Mysuru as per the agreement with the government. He said NICE had also indulged in "daylight robbery" by getting benefits worth ₹20,000 crore. Pointing out that the company had another three years left to operate its peripheral road in Bengaluru, Mr. Jayachandra demanded that the government should take over the project without waiting for the lease period to end.

Mr. Jayachandra talking to *The Hindu* said after he went to Bidadi and met farmers about nine days back, after which he received a threat call opposing his stand, while a few also spoke in favour. He said in his long political career this was not new and did not file a complaint.

INBRIEF

Diploma CET-2023: KEA invites online applications

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has invited online applications for Diploma CET-2023 from candidates who are seeking admission via lateral entry (2 years) for Engineering/Technology courses from eligible diploma candidates. S. Ramya, Executive Director of KEA stated that DCET is scheduled to be conducted on September 10.

Eligible candidates need to register and apply online by selecting the appropriate link on the KEA website from July 31 to August 13. Those who become qualified will be allotted seats in day engineering colleges.For more details applicants can visit the KEA website http://kea.kar.nic.in

BJP worker arrested and released on bail over 'derogatory' tweet against CM's family

Udupi court grants anticipatory bail to three women students accused of recording video of their collegemate in the washroom

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

High Ground Police arrested a BJP worker identified as H.S. Shakunthala on Friday morning over a tweet allegedly making a derogatory remark on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's family. She was produced before a city court which granted her bail, following which she was released, sources said. A few days ago Shakunthala H.S. hailing from Tumakuru, tweeted quoting a tweet made from the official handle of Karnataka Congress (@INCKarnataka) questioning Mr. Siddaramaiah. "According to the Congress, videographing girl students inside a college washroom is mere child's play. Will the Chief Minister call it child's play, if his daughter-in-law or wife were victims of the same?" The BJP worker had tagged Mr. Siddaramaiah as well.

The BJP workers took to the streets in Udupi protesting against the State government in the voyeurism case on Friday.

The BJP has been cornering the ruling Congress over the alleged filming inside a toilet in a college, giving it a communal spin, while the police and the State government ruled out a communal angle. The BJP workers took to the streets in Udupi protesting against the State government, alleging a cover-up and workers were detained by the police on Friday.

BJP Karnataka came down heavily on the state government for what they called "repressive measures". "For openly questioning your government's cover-up of the case, you are lodging false cases and arresting our party workers. But Udupi society has woken up to the horror and is questioning your government. Will you arrest all of them?," it asked Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Meanwhile, a Judicial Magistrate First Class Court in Udupi on Friday granted anticipatory bail to three women students of Netra Jyothi Institute of Allied Health Sciences at Kadekar, who are accused of recording a voyeuristic video of their collegemate in the washroom. Members of the college management also secured anticipatory bail. The Malpe Police had on July 25 registered an FIR against three students studying second year of a diploma in optometry at the College and the College management under Sections 509 (acts intended to outrage modesty of woman), 204 (destruction of evidence), 175 (omission to produce document or electronic record) of the Indian Penal Code, and Section 66 (E) (capturing, publishing or transmitting the image of private area of any person) of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

Rain abates in Kodagu

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Rain in Kodagu has abated but the inflow into reservoirs continues to be steady owing to the downpour earlier in the week. The district received 23.65 mm of rainfall for the 24-hour period ending 8.30 a.m. on Friday. While Madikeri received 38.57 mm, Virajpet received 10.41 mm, and Somwarpet recorded 22.03 mm of rainfall. The inflow into Harangi reservoir was at the rate of 7,700 cusecs at noon on Friday and the outflow was reduced to 3,000 cusecs. Because of the heavy rain in Wayanad region, the inflow into Kabini remains high and it was 10,756 cusecs, and the reservoir level was 2,282.46 ft as against the maximum level of 2,284 ft.

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender Notice No.: 2023-14-Mech-BSP-OBHS Dated: 24.07.2023
Name of Work: Outsourcing of Onboard House Keeping Services (OBHS) and AC Coach Attendant (ACCA) in Bilaspur Based Trains for a period of 02 Years.
Tender Value: ₹ 8,78,99,129/- (Rs. Eight Crores Seventy Eight Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand One Hundred Twenty Nine only, Inclusive of all Taxes)
Opening of Tender: At **15:00** Hrs. of **14.08.2023**
All further details are available on Railway's website **www.ireps.gov.in.** Except E-Tenders, no other modes of submission will be accepted.

Sr. Div. Mechanical Engineer
South East Central Railway, Bilaspur
CPR/10/169
South East Central Railway @secrail

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client has intent to purchase a **Property bearing Site No.99, House List Khatha No.196/1,** Situated at **HORAMAVU AGARA VILLAGE, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** Presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Bangalore, **Measuring East to West 40 Ft. North to South 60 Ft, in all measuring 2400 Sq.feet.,** and bounded on the:-
East by : House Site No.100;
West by : House Site No.98;
North by : Road;
South by : House Site No.84;
from its present Owner **Sri. M.VENKATARAMANAPPA.,** S/o Late Sri. Munishamappa, He had acquired the same by way of registered Sale Deed dated: 27/05/1999, Vide registered as Document No.1404/1999-2000, Registered before the Office of the Sub-Registrar, K.R. Puram, Bangalore.

Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within **10 days** from this day to the undersigned. In the absence of any claims within the above said period. It shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived.

P. NAGAMUNI REDDY,
Advocate, SNN Associates,
No.248, 2nd Floor, 10th Main, 1st Block, 100 Feet Road, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru 560043, Land Mark Near Horamavu Signal, Above Canara Bank & HDFC ATM.
M : 9945159840

IN THE COURT OF THE IV ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, BENGALURU
O.S. No. 295/2021

Between: 1. Mrs. Kusum Jagadish Maroo, aged about 82 years, W/o Jagadish D. Maroo, **2. Ms. Mona J Maroo,** aged about 54 years, D/o Jagadish D. Maroo, both are R/at No. 781, 17-F, 3rd Main Road, 6th block, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560095.
Plaintiffs No. 1 and 2 are Represented by their General Power of Attorney Holder, Mr. Jagadish D. Maroo ... **Plaintiffs**
And: Smt. Jagadamba and Others ... **Defendants**

SUIT SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7

1. Smt. Jagadamba, aged about 59 years, W/o. M. Krishna Reddy, **2. Smt. K. Mamatha,** aged about 39 years, D/o. M. Krishna Reddy, **3. Sri. Bhaskar,** aged about 37 years, S/o. M. Krishna Reddy, The Defendant No.1 to 3 are R/at Chikkathogar Village, Electronic City Post, Bengaluru-560100. **6. Sri. R. Hari Babu,** aged about 72 years, S/o. late R. Krishna Murthy, R/at No.343, 7th Cross, 21st Main, 1st Sector, H.S.R. Layout, Agara, Bengaluru-560102. **7. Sri Srinivas Prasad,** aged about 55 years, S/o Late K. Kashipathi, Shantinagar, Bengaluru-560027. ... **Defendants**

Whereas the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you and others for the relief of Decree of Permanent injunction and other reliefs in relation to the suit schedule property. You are hereby summoned to appear in this court either in person or by a pleader on **01-09-2023,** to answer the same, failing which the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No. 1: All that piece and parcel of property bearing site No. 43, now bearing BBMP No. 43/432/66, V.P. Katha No. 432, (present PID No. 432/66) measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South: 60 feet, total area measuring 2,400 Sq. ft. situated at Chikkathogur Village, within the limits of Doddathogur, Group Village Panchyat, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on the **East by:** Site No. 42, **West by:** Site No. 44, **North by:** Private Layout, **South by:** 25ft. Road.

Item No. 2: All that piece and parcel of property bearing site No. 28, now bearing BBMP No. 432/66/28, V.P. Katha No. 432, (present PID No. 432/66) measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South: 30 feet, total area measuring 1,200 Sq. ft. situated at Chikkathogur Village, within the limits of Doddathogur, Group Village Panchyat, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on the **East by:** Site No. 29, **West by:** Private Layout, **North by:** 25ft. Road, **South by:** Site No. 27.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, on 27-07-2023.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Prl. Civil Judge's Court, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff: **ABHINAV .R**
F-113, Central Chambers, 2nd Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the public that my client intends to purchase the property more fully described in the schedule hereunder from its lawful owner **SRI.A.RAMESH** S/o Sri. Sriramulu Aged about 46 years. Residing at No. B-42, 3rd Cross, Prakruthinagara, Yalahanka **BENGALURU – 560064** and if any person(s) having any objections or claims, may send their objections with all supportive documents to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this publication failing which my clients would proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there is no claim or objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing **Site No.19,** Khatha new No.1171/692/19 and BBMP khatha No. 1239/ 692/19/2 **PID No.** 1239/ 692/ 19/2 , in the layout known as **"Krishnaja Avenue"** formed in property No.18/2, 18/3, 21 and 22/2 of Venkatala village, Yalahanka hobli and Yalahanka Taluk within the administrative limits of BBMP ward No.1, Kempegowda ward and measuring East to West : (38+41'6") /2 and North to South : 30 ft, **totally measuring 1192 sq ft** along with the building comprising stilt, ground and two upper floors RCC roofed residential house and bounded as follows:-
East by :: Private Property
West by :: 30 ft Road
North by :: Private Property
South by :: Site No.19/1
Bangalore
Date:28.07.2023

N.ADINARAYANA REDDY
Advocate, No.403-10-2, 13th Main Road, 8th cross, 1st stage 1st phase Gokula Mathikere, Bengaluru- 560054
Tel;9845706889,
E-mail- anare.nadv@gmail.com

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I TELANGANA, AT HYDERABAD
3rd Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad 500 001

O.A.No.70 of 2020

Summons under Sub-Section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with Sub-rule (2A) of Rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.
Between:
M/s. Karur Vysya Bank Ltd., ... Applicant(s)
And
M/s. Coastal Projects Ltd., and Others ... Defendant(s)
Def: 6 : D.J. Nagaraj, son of D.P. Jayaram Reddy, No.381, Meghasree, 4th Main, 12th Cross, R M V Second Stage, Dollars Colony,Bangalore 560 040
Def: 15 @ 14: L & T Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd, Rep. by its Manager, 4th Floor, ADPL Estates, 7-1-21/A, Survey No.341/1, Begumpet, Hyderabad-500 016.
Def: 20 @19: South India Bank Ltd, Rep. by its Manager, Corporate Branch, 6-3-1085/D/G1, Dega Towers, Somajiguda, Hyderabad.
Def: 22 @ 21: Corporation Bank, Rep. by its Manager, LCB Office, Plot No.8, Second Floor, Film nagar, Hyderabad.

SUMMONS / SUBSITUTED SERVICE BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas **O. A. 70 2022** was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer on **24/07/2023** (Last Date of Hearing).

Whereas this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons / notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of **Rs.16,51,02,256.84 paise (Rupees Sixteen Crores Fifty One Lakhs Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Six and Eighty Four paise only)** further interest thereon and costs etc.,

In accordance with Sub-Section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-

(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3 A of the Original Application.
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3 A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Hon'ble Presiding Officer on **21/08 /2023 at 10:30 A.M.** failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this Date:24/07/2023.

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issued summons

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G2C
E-Tender Notice No. 05-SNT-MYS-2023
Dated: 24-07-2023

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

SL	Name of work	Approx. Value
1	Execution of Miscellaneous signaling works in on-going electrification works of RE/Bengaluru project unit in Karajgi-Sampige Road Section of Mysuru Division.	Rs. 2,83,04,771.60
2	Replacement of defective signals cables over Mysuru Division [excluding HMRDC section].	Rs. 1,28,18,078.05
3	Restoration of defective Telecom Cables in connection with RE work executed by RITES Limited between Mysuru-Hassan in Mysuru Division.	Rs. 35,51,996.20
4	Restoration of defective Telecom Cables in connection with RE work executed by RITES Limited between Hassan-Arsikere in Mysuru Division.	Rs. 26,64,320.53
5	Restoration of defective Telecom Cables in connection with RE work executed by RITES Limited between Kadur-Chikkamagalur in Mysuru Division.	Rs. 13,34,089.11

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 16-08-2023

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom. Engineer
PUB/266/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24 **Mysuru**
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our clients **Mrs. SIMA ROY W/o. Mr. Jiwanand Jha & Mr. JIWANAND JHA S/o. Mr. Arunanand Jha** are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mr. Abhijit Dutta, S/o. Late Gour Kishore Dutta & Mrs. Pampa Dutta W/o. Abhijit Dutta** any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Three Bed Rooms **Apartment No.508** in Fifth Floor of Tower 8 in the Apartment building Known as **"CHOWRIAPPA CONSTELLATION"**, Consisting of **2050 Sq feet** with one car parking for apartment No.508 in the basement, Constructed over Western side of Property bearing BBMP Katha No.05 and earlier being portion of Converted land bearing Sy.No.34/1, Measuring 1 Acre & 10 Guntas, earlier Portion of land bearing Sy.No.34 {Converted Vide official Memorandum bearing No. ALN.SR.E.262/2002-03, Dtd:07/02/2003, Issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore}

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 9108784843

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KARNATAKA EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY
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No. ED/KEA/ADMN/CR-01/2023 **Date: 28-07-2023**

DIPLOMA COMMON ENTRANCE TEST – 2023 TO DIPLOMA HOLDERS - FOR ADMISSION TO 2ND YEAR / 3RD SEMESTER ENGINEERING COURSES UNDER LATERAL ENTRY SCHEME IN DAY ENGINEERING COLLEGES

Government in its Order No. ED 88 DTE 2022 Bangalore dated 14-07-2022, has allowed eligible Diploma holders to select any engineering branch for admission to 2nd Year / 3rd Semester under lateral entry scheme. Pursuant to the Government directions, KEA is inviting online applications from eligible Diploma Holders for admission to 2nd Year / 3rd Semester Engineering Courses under Lateral Entry Scheme in "Day Engineering Colleges" for the year 2023-24. Candidates have to appear for the Diploma Common Entrance Test-2023 conducted by the Karnataka Examinations Authority to become eligible for admission to engineering courses under lateral entry scheme. For admission to Architecture course, candidates should have appeared and qualified in NATA-2023 (National Aptitude Test in Architecture) conducted by the Council of Architecture. (Further the candidates must compulsorily register for DCET-2023, fill the application through online and pay the application fees.)

Academic Eligibility: The details of academic eligibility for all the above courses are available on the KEA website http://kea.kar.nic.in. The candidates are advised to verify the eligibility criteria before applying for any of the courses.

Revised Syllabus: The revised DCET syllabus issued by Department of Collegiate and Technical Education is hosted on the KEA Website for the information of the candidates (Common to all Engineering Diploma Programmes).

i.	Commencement of Registration and filling of Application	From 11.00 am on 31-07-2023
ii.	Last date to fill the application online	13-08-2023 up to 11.59 pm
Iii.	Last date to pay the application fees – online	14-08-2023 – up to 6.00 pm
iv.	Downloading of Admission Tickets for DCET-2023 from KEA website	Will be notified later

NOTE:

- The information / particulars entered by the candidates online for Diploma CET-2023 will be deemed as "Final" and will be the basis for further process. No change in any information entered by the candidates will be entertained.
- The information entered online by the candidates with regard to Caste / Category and Annual Income remains same for the purpose of assignment of ranks / selection or allotment of a seat and no change will be entertained in future for any reasons.

Diploma CET-2023 Time table

Date / Day	(Common to all Engineering Diploma Programmes) Topics	Timings	Marks
10-09-2023 SUNDAY	a. Engineering Mathematics b. Statistics & Analytics c. IT Skills d. Fundamentals of Electrical and Electronics engineering e. Project Management Skills	10.00 AM TO 1.00 PM (3 HOURS)	100
	Kannada Language Test for Horanadu and Gadinadu Kannadiga candidates (ONLY IN BANGALORE)	3.00 PM TO 4.00 PM	50

NOTE: Visit KEA Website http://kea.kar.nic.in for more details.

Sd/-
(S. Ramya IAS)
Executive Director.

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHREYANSHU, #67, 4th Cross, Central Excise Layout, Dr.Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Bangalore- 560077 have changed my name to Shreyanshu S Lakhatariya vide affidavit dated: 27.07.2023 sworn before Notary S R Ravikumar, Bengaluru

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (BHARGAVI Rao) W/O (Late. Rama Rao) born on (24/04/1964) residing at (209, SLV Fedora, Avalahalli, Doddaballapur Main Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore 560064), have changed my name to (K Bhargavi Rao) vide affidavit dated (27/07/2023) at (Bengaluru) Affidavit Number: IN–KA39636768833736V

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LVIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-59)
Hg. 16/09/2023
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 4612 OF 2022

BETWEEN
ICICI BANK LTD.,
A body corporate incorporated and registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed as a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007 & having its Branch office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C Wing, Mittal Tower, MG Road, Bangalore- 560 001 and represented by its POA holder and Debt Manager Mr. Rohith Ali M, S/o Ishrath Ali, Aged about 24 years. **...PLAINTIFF**
AND :
Mr. DINESH KUMAR
...DEFENDANT

To,
Defendant :
Mr. DINESH KUMAR,
Aged about 31 years, Son of Rajinder Kumar, R/at. A-38 House No.6, First Floor, Chandramouleshwara Layout, Near Hotel Air Port, Hunasamaranahalli, Bangalore- 562157

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 & 2 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of **Rs.5,02,168/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Two Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Eight Only)** as on **30.01.2019** together with interest at the rate **18% p.a.** from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court, in person or by a pleader on **16/09/2023** at **11.00 am** to show cause against the suit and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this **21st** day of **July, 2023.**

By the order of the court
Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court
Bengaluru

Advocates for Petitioner
S.M. ANEES AHAMED,
B.M. KUSHALAPPA,
Advocates, No.4(10/2),
West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore-560001

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KRIPAL, #37-38, 1st Cross, Shirdi Sai Nagar, K Narayanpura Road, Dr.Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Bangalore- 560077 have changed my name to Kripal S Lakhtariya vide affidavit dated: 27.07.2023 sworn before Notary S R Ravikumar, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mrs. SWATHI MANDANNA, Aged about 63 years, **W/o. Col. M.K. Mandanna (Retd.)** residing at No. CA203, Salarpuria Greenage, Near Oxford Engineering College, Hongasandra - Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560 068, do hereby declare that I am the same person named as **SWATHI** and **SWATHI MANDANNA.** I state and declare that I wish to change my name from **SWATHI** to **SWATHI MANDANNA** vide affidavit dated 28.07.2023 sworn to before Dharani .P, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LXI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-62)
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 1326 OF 2022
Hg 07/09/2023

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd.,
a body corporate incorporated and registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed as a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007. And having its Branch office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 4/10, 1st Floor Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bangalore- 560068 And represented by its POA Holder and collection Manager Mr. Rohith ali M, S/o Ishrath Ali M, Age; 24 years **...PLAINTIFF**
AND
Ms Sahana P
...DEFENDANT

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publiction

To
Defendant:
Ms Sahana P
Aged about 25 years,
Daughter of Prabhu,
R/at No, 139, Kolaramma Layout,
Near Bus Stop, Kote,
Kolar Dist - 563101

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 & 2 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of **Rs. 5,08,984/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Four Only)** as together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court, in person or by a pleader on **07/09/2023** at **11.00 am** to show cause against the and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 17th day of July 2023.

Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court
Bengaluru

Advocates for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED,
B.M. KUSHALAPPA,
Advocates,
No. 4(10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore- 560001.

Posh villas in Rainbow Drive Layout may face demolition after survey

A report said the house owners were issued notices before the survey and maps were shown to them

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

Several posh villas built in Rainbow Drive Layout (RBD), an upscale private gated community off Sarjapura road in Bengaluru east, that was flooded in 2022, may face demolition as the survey conducted by Assistant Director of Land Records (ADLR) found Storm-Water Drain (SWD) encroachment. The survey report was submitted to the Karnataka High Court last week.

A copy of the report accessed by *The Hindu* shows that house numbers 71, 72/1, 72/2, 73, 74/1, 74/2, 75, 76, 76/1, 77, 78, 79, and 80 are sitting on a SWD. The report said the house owners were issued notices before the survey and maps were shown to them. The report said there is a presence of 2.40 metres of SWD in survey numbers, 16/1, 2, 3A, and 3B. These villas come under survey numbers 16A and 16B in Halanayakanahalli village. On the other hand, the survey also found that 2.40 metres of SWD has passed through survey numbers 18, 19, and 20 in Halanayakanahalli village, and survey number 19 in Junnasandra village. These villas now face demolition, sources said.

Following floods in September 2022, when the civic body tried to demolish encroachments of SWD within the layout, some property owners approached the High Court seeking a stay. FILE PHOTO

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Following floods in September 2022, when the civic body tried to demolish encroachments of SWD within the layout, some property owners approached the High Court seeking a stay. The petitioners contended that they have not occupied or encroached upon any of the pathways of SWD and the action being taken by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is illegal causing great hardship to them. The BBMP was building SWD that would pass through private properties.

Hearing this Writ Petition, the court had in November 2022 directed BBMP not to take any coercive steps but also directed the State government to carry out an ADLR survey and submit the report with an affidavit before December 14, 2022. However, the government filed a report only earlier this month after the High Court pulled it up.

A resident of the Layout said that truth had triumphed as it was now evident that the developer of the layout created plots encroaching SWD. Also it is unfortunate that residents who built homes on the SWD have to bear the brunt of it.

It can be recalled that the State government had suspended then Bengaluru East Tehsildar Ajith Kumar Rai, for colluding with encroachers and helping them get a stay order from the court against encroachment clearance drive. Mr. Rai was raided by Lokayukta Police after registering a Disproportionate Assets (DA) case in June earlier this year. He was arrested for allegedly owning benami properties to the tune of several hundred acres.

NEP is a threat to equitable education, say educationists

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The manner in which National Education Policy (NEP) has been designed poses a threat to equality in education, and therefore, it needs to be revised to formulate a "people's education policy", said educationists at a State-level education convention organised by the All India Save Education Committee (AISEC) on Friday at Bengaluru.

'There are seven versions of the NEP and we still don't know which to choose and it only adds to the confusion

Revision needed

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Sukhdeo Thorat, former Chairman of University Grant Commission (UGC), criticised NEP-2020 as a hurriedly implemented policy that does not advocate an equitable and just educational foundation. It has been largely devised to privilege few, he said.

Prof. A. Murigeppa, former Vice Chancellor, Hampi University, said that we need additional vocational and skill-oriented training to empower youth. Michael Williams, Secretary, Forum of Minority Schools, New Delhi, said, "The Union government hurriedly implementing the NEP during the pandemic where there was less to no chance of conducting deliberations, consultations with experts for its organic enactment. There are seven versions of the NEP and we still don't know which to choose and it only adds to the confusion."

Dr. M.C. Sudhakar, Minister for Higher Education, alleged that the Union government has straight away copied the NEP from the western education system. The NEP does not consider children who hail from Dalit or minority communities, he added. Madhu Bangarappa, Minister for the Department of School Education and Literacy, and Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Minister for Social Welfare, also spoke at the convention.

Hundreds of applicants queue up at BangaloreOne centres as registration for Gruha Lakshmi scheme begins

Srijana Siri Murthy
Ameya Das
BENGALURU

Disorderly lines of people extending beyond the centre's premises with elderly women and middle-aged women carrying children populated the Kasturi Nagar BangaloreOne centre where many had gathered for the registration of the Gruha Lakshmi scheme.

Agitated, many of them were talking amongst themselves about the delay. Manjula, a homemaker, who waited for more than three hours to get registered, said, "We also have work at home, have to cook food and pick up our children from school... If we are stuck here, there is no one to take care of our chores," she rued.

As the registration for one of the government's flagship scheme, Gruha Lakshmi, under which women heads of the families get ₹2,000, every month, applicants have been rushing to the BangaloreOne centres across the City to get registered.

Women standing in long queues, to enroll for the Gruha Lakshmi Scheme, outside a BangaloreOne centre on Nagarabhavi main road, in Bengaluru K. MURALI KUMAR

Extra working hours

While the applicants are complaining about the long queues and technical snags at the centres, the staff have been working extra hours to cater to the applicants of the scheme as well as those interested in availing Gruha Jyothi, another flagship scheme of the government which provides up to 200 units of free power. The staff at the BangaloreOne centres told *The Hindu* that an average of 300 applicants (of both Gruha Lakshmi and Gruha Jyothi schemes) queue up at the centres every day. They said that they were finding it difficult to manage the sudden surge in the number of people.

Shilpa, a BangaloreOne clerk said, "The number of registrations per day is increasing every day. Applicants often break into fights that require assistance from the security. There is little that we can do."

Varamahalaxmi, another househelp and beneficiary of the scheme, complained about the lack of workers in the Kasturi Nagar BangaloreOne centre.

"Earlier there used to be three clerks who used to work here but it has reduced to only two now."

In Murphy Town, the staff mentioned they are working two hours overtime every day and were hiring new staff to support registrations for the schemes. "Before the schemes were launched, we worked from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., but now we work from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m," said Ayesha, the manager of BangaloreOne Centre in Murphy Town. On Wednesday, the centre recorded 476 registrations for the schemes.

Overcrowded lines

Adjoining the Murphy Town Centre is a children's daytime nursery, where working women from the locality leave their children for supervision. Due to the rush at the BangaloreOne centre, women applicants left their children in the daycare as they wait in the already overcrowded lines.

Expressing her frustration, Bhagya, a house help and mother of three said, "I haven't gone to work today and asked my children to come here to the centre. I am missing out on a day's salary."

"The management in the centres was hardly able to manage the crowd and some people tried to jump the line, push each other and get into the office first. Others even try to sneak in through this chaos," said Varsha, a BPL card holder.

Computer issues

Adding to the woes of the Jayanagar BangaloreOne staff and the applicants, two of the four computer systems were down. Without any separate line for the Gruha Laxmi, and Gruha Jyoti applicants, confusion and chaos ruled the centre.

Prototype of new electric bus flagged off; 921 new buses to join BMTC fleet

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) flagged off a prototype of the new set of 921 electric buses manufactured by Tata Motors. These buses will be inducted in a phased manner this financial year. BMTC already has a fleet of 390 electric buses which these 921 new buses will join, taking the total number of electric buses on city streets to 1,311 by the end of this fiscal year.

These buses have been inducted under the FAME-II scheme of the Government of India.

These buses will run on a Gross Cost Contract (GCC) model basis under which the operating fare of these buses will be ₹41.01 per km. These buses are 12.0 metre long, low-floor electric buses with a floor height of just 40 c.m. It has a seating capacity of 35 passengers.

Transport minister Ramalinga Reddy flagging off the first prototype of Tata Motors electric bus at BMTC Central Office, Shanthinagar, in Bengaluru on Thursday. K MURALI KUMAR

The prototype flagged off on Friday will ply on route 96-A which is a circular route that starts and ends at Kempegowda Bus Stand and goes through Rajajinagar. A single circular trip will be 14.7 k.m. long. These 921 buses will be deployed at Shanthinagara, Jayanagara, Hennuru, Deepanajli Nagar, R.R. Nagar, Peenya 2nd Stage, Jigani, K.R. Pura, Seegehalli, and Hosakote depots, a BMTC press statement said. Transport minister Ramalinga Reddy who flagged off the prototype of the bus said, the government was presently on course to rope in 1500 electric buses to BMTC but wants to eventually have at least 4000 electric buses on the fleet. "Our government has provided 500 crore for the Road Transport Corporations to buy new buses this year and has also permitted the recruitment of 13,000 staffers including drivers, conductors, and mechanics," he said.

Rohit Srivastava, Vice President and Head of the Bus Product Line at Tata Motors said that these electric buses "mark a pivotal step towards revolutionising and driving sustainable electric mobility solutions".

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BENGALURU

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RISE	15:33	SET 02:07
SUNDAY, JUL. 30		
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RISE	16:37	SET 03:06
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Bengaluru Today
26°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Short spell of light rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C Rise in temperature. A comfortable but humid weather to prevail. Night will be pleasant. Dry weather to prevail

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NITTTR Chennai commemorates three years of NEP

NITTTR Chennai as an extended arm of Ministry of Education, Government of India actively involved in the sensitization activities for the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020). The National Education policy as a game changer and brought about several transformative changes that could be advantageous to higher educational institutions. As part of our commitment in creating sensitization about the NEP 2020, NITTTR Chennai has initiated a series of sensitization activities to various stakeholders, including educators, parents, students, policymakers, and the general public. Through our training programme activities, we listed the potential advantages of the NEP to educational institutions: (a) Flexibility and Credit Choice; (b) Promoting and learning in mother tongue; (c) Skill Development; (d) Emphasis on critical and problem solving skills; (e)Technology innovation and integration to teaching learning; (f) Teacher Development and nurturing through mentoring; (g) Research and innovation to societal transformation; (h) Holistic development; (i) Autonomy, Accountability and adaptability to changing needs; and (j) Global recognition and partnership. It is emphasised and reiterated, that the NEP unfolds and evolves, educational institutions should continually adapt and improve to harness its benefits fully.

The training programmes explicitly focus on the holistic development, skill-building, and fostering a learning ecosystem that nurtures creativity and critical thinking among teaching and student community. In the past three years, our NEP related training programmes rolled out with the primary objectives of:

1. Raising Awareness: We created widespread awareness about the key highlights, benefits, and implications of NEP 2020 to encourage a more inclusive and well-informed education community. A series of lectures delivered by the faculty members for both national and international participants about the exclusive features of NEP 2020.
2. Capacity Building: NITTTR Chennai organized specialized training programme in the area of Quality Assurance and Accreditation, Technology enabled learning, ICT in teaching, Faculty and student Mentoring, Mental Health and wellness, specialized courses in the thrust area viz., IoT, UAV, Additive Manufacturing, Robotics etc., to the educators and administrators, thereby equipping them with the knowledge and tools necessary to implement the policy effectively. Around 10000 faculty members trained through our online, SWAYAM, NITTT and contact mode training programmes.
3. Engaging teachers: Recognizing the importance of innovative teaching in student's education, NITTTR Chennai called for best strategies adopted by the teachers. The faculty members have been energized and encouraged through award for the best strategy adopted. It is also shared among the teaching fraternity to create positive impact in their teaching learning journey.
4. Collaboration with Educational Institutions: NITTTR Chennai collaborated with educational institutions at various levels to provide support and guidance in adapting their systems to align with the NEP 2020 objectives. More than 75 Institutes MoU has been signed in the area of mutual interest.
5. Policy Advocacy: NITTTR Chennai actively engaged with policymakers and education authorities, offering insights and feedback to address challenges and ensure successful policy implementation. NITTTR Chennai actively associated with central organizations in the preparation of Hindi-English-Tamil Dictionary for technical subjects. Our faculty members involved in PARAKH for the holistic assessment of students in alignment with NEP.

Thus, NITTTR Chennai focused and aligned all the training programme in accordance with NEP 2020 and released the certificates with Notional learning hours. All the trainees has been sensitized about the Academic Bank of Credits and NITTTR Chennai marching towards the process of credit transfer to the training programmes in accordance with National Credit Framework. Our Honourable Former Vice President, Shri Venkaiah Naidu launched the NITTTR Chennai's initiative TREE (Teaching Repository to Engineering Educators) to energize, motivate young faculty members to adopt and disseminate technology enabled teaching learning. Thus, the exclusive programme titled "Empowering Educators: Fostering a Dynamic Learning Environment" organized for the faculty members and other stakeholders towards making sustainable educational ecosystem.

Director

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‘State has potential to harbour over 1,300 tigers’

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MYSURU

Scientists at the Centre for Wildlife Studies (CWS), including tiger expert K. Ullas Karanth, have said that Karnataka has the potential to harbour over 1,300 tigers in the wild if sincere efforts were made in the future.

They were reacting to the Karnataka Forest Department’s tiger survey report which was released on Thursday and indicated that the minimum tiger estimates in the State was 435. Taking note of the extremely low densities of tigers except in a few reserves like Nagarahole and Bandipur with long histories of protection, the CWS experts said they concurred with the views in the report that the scope of expanding tiger population in Karnataka in the low-density areas was substantial.

Mr. Karanth, who is Emeritus Director of the Centre for Wildlife Studies, and N. Samba Kumar, Senior Research Fellow, said in a release that they had argued in a recent scientific paper that Karnataka could potentially harbour a population of over 1,300 wild tigers if sincere efforts were made in the future.

The release said a key conservation strategy that improved the prey base and habitat while reducing human pressure on both subsistence and developmental types, was the voluntary and fair resettlement of enclaved human habitations away from critical wildlife habitats and corridors.

“Karnataka led the nation in these efforts until about a decade ago and since then these efforts have slackened except in the Kali Tiger Reserve recently. It remains unaddressed even in important areas like Nagarahole and Kudremukh, while Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra have forged ahead,” according to Mr. Karanth and Mr. Kumar.

The release also noted certain lacunae in the report and the experts provided technical suggestions on addressing them. It said the CWS had developed a slew of methodologies and it was encouraging to note the details of implementation of some of these methodologies in the recent survey report by the Karnataka Forest Department.

The present relatively improved status of tigers rested on a solid foundation of conservation efforts made through the vigorous implementation of the Wildlife Protection Act 50 years ago by a pioneer generation of foresters of all ranks, led by the then Forest Minister the late K.H. Patil , said Mr. Karanth and Mr. Kumar.

“Establishment of most national parks and sanctuaries - a process now politically frozen in Karnataka, reduction in forest exploitation, intensification of protection and initiation of voluntary relocation of forest-dwelling families are all critical actions that originated in that vital period,” the release added.

Terror module: CCB takes accused Nazir into custody

He has been remanded in police custody for eight days

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Central Crime Branch (CCB) that busted an alleged terror module in Bengaluru, has taken into custody T. Nazir, accused in the 2008 Bengaluru serial bomb blasts and 34 other terror cases. He allegedly radicalised a gang of career criminals in Parappana Agrahara Central prison, who in turn put together the alleged module. The court has remanded him in eight days of police custody. Given that the alleged kingpin of the module, Junaid Ahmed, is still at large, and the five arrested from Bengaluru are reportedly foot soldiers with no idea of the larger picture, the police are relying heavily on Nazir to provide them insights into the alleged terror plot. We are also looking into the possibility of Junaid having other handlers, apart from Nazir, and in that case, whether Nazir put him onto them,” a senior official said. Officers with past experience of interrogating Nazir said he is a hard nut to crack.

Nazir hails from Kerala. He was allegedly the south India commander of Pakistan-based terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba. He was arrested on the Indo-Bangladeshi border in 2009, in connection with the 2008 serial blasts case. He was living in Kodagu district of Karnataka in the mid-2000s, cultivating ginger as a cover for his alleged terror activities.

IN THE HON’BLE COURT OF THE 4TH ADDITIONAL FAMILY COURT, AT BANGALORE
M. C. NO. 2350 OF 2021

BETWEEN : Mrs. Mary Magdalane, : PETITIONER
Wife of Mr. Maria Dass, Aged about 31 years, Residing at No.7, Lottegollahalli, R.M.V. II Stage, Bangalore- 560 094
AND : Mr. Maria Dass,
Son of Mr. Prasanna Kumar, Aged about 33 years, Residing at No. 86, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, 2nd Main Road, Udaya Nagar, Bangalore North Doorvaninagar, Bangalore- 560 016
: RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION :

MARIA DASS, Son of Mr. Prasanna Kumar, Aged about 33 years, Residing at No. 86, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, 2nd Main Road, Udaya Nagar, Bangalore North , Doorvaninagar, Bangalore - 560 016

Whereas, the above named Petitioner has instituted a case of Divorce against you seeking for the reliefs, namely, a) Pass a Decree of Divorce dissolving the marriage between the Petitioner and the Respondent which was solemnized on 28th December 2015 at St. Mary’s Basilica, F. Noronha Road, Shivaji Nagar, Bengaluru b) To direct the Respondent to pay a sum of Rs. 8,00,000.00 (Rupees Eight Lakhs only) to the Petitioner for all the expenses incurred for the wedding as well as towards the loan availed for paying the security deposit which till date is being paid by the Petitioner’s mother and c) to pass any other reliefs that this Hon’ble Court deems fit in the interest of justice; has been raised by the Petitioner against the Respondent.

Take notice that you are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon’ble Court in person or by a pleader on **01.09.2023 at 11 AM** to answer the claim on the day fixed, for your appearance.

Take notice that in default to your appearance on the day fixed, the suit will be heard ex-parte and you will be bound by the Order/ Decree of this Hon’ble Court.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this the 15th day of July 2023 at Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner
LEX ASTRA PARTNERS & ASSOCIATES
Office at : High Point 3, Flat No. 3111, 11th Floor, 45 Palace Road, Bangalore 560001

By the Order of the Court
Sd/- Sheristedar
Family Court, Bangalore

FORM NO. CAA.2
[Pursuant to Section 230(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 6 and 7 of the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016]

BEFORE THE HON’BLE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU BENCH AT BENGALURU

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013

AND

IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 230 TO 232 READ WITH SECTION 66 AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND THE COMPANIES (COMPROMISES, ARRANGEMENTS AND AMALGAMATIONS) RULES, 2016

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CA (CAA) NO. 60/ BB/ 2022

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.....APPLICANT COMPANY NO. 4/ TRANSFEREE COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that by an **order** dated July 20, 2023 (“Order”), the Hon’ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench **(“Tribunal”)** has directed a meeting to be held of the Secured Creditors of Millennia Realtors Private Limited **(“Applicant Company No. 4” or “Transferee Company”)** for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving with or without modification, the Composite Scheme of Amalgamation and Arrangement proposed to be made amongst RMZ Estates Private Limited and RMZ Buildcon Private Limited and RMZ Infotech Private Limited and Millennia Realtors Private Limited and RMZ Infotech (Pune) Private Limited and their respective shareholders and creditors **(“Scheme”).**

In pursuance of the Order and as directed therein, further notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Secured Creditors of Millennia Realtors Private Limited will be held through Video Conferencing/ Other Audio-Visual Means **(“VC/OAVM”)** on September 1, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. at which time the Secured Creditors of the Transferee Company is requested to attend.

The link for the meeting, joining instructions and login credentials will be shared shortly to the said Secured Creditors.

The Tribunal has appointed Ms. Anupama Hebbar, Advocate as Chairperson and Mr. Gnanesh Manjunath, Practicing Company Secretary (PCS) as the Scrutinizer of the said Secured Creditors meeting. The Scheme, if approved by the meeting, will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Tribunal.

Copies of the said Scheme and of the statement under Section 230(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 can be obtained free of charge at the registered office of the Transferee Company or at the office of its Authorized Representative i.e., Mr. A Murali, Advocate at # 407, Level 4, Prestige Centre Point, # 7, Edward Road, Bengaluru – 560 052. Since the meeting is proposed to be held through VC/OAVM, appointment of proxy shall not be applicable.

Sd/-
Ms. Anupama Hebbar
Advocate
Chairperson appointed for the meeting of the Secured Creditors

Dated: July 28, 2023

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The link for the meeting, joining instructions and login credentials will be shared shortly to the said Unsecured Creditors.

The Tribunal has appointed Ms. Anupama Hebbar, Advocate as Chairperson and Mr. Gnanesh Manjunath, Practicing Company Secretary (PCS) as the Scrutinizer of the said Unsecured Creditors meeting. The Scheme, if approved by the meeting, will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Tribunal.

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Sd/-
Ms. Anupama Hebbar
Advocate
Chairperson appointed for the meeting of the Unsecured Creditors

Dated: July 28, 2023

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ಇ–Bidding ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ವಿಷಯ: ನಿಶ್ಚಿತ ಠೇವಣಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕುಗಳು/ ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಲಯದ ಷಡ್ಯೂಲ್ಡ್ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕುಗಳಿಂದ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಾತ್ಮಕ ಬಡ್ಡಿದರ ಕೋರಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ.

ಮೈಸೂರು ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವು ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ರಚಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿಗಾಗಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸುತ್ತೋಲೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆFD.91TAR2022 ದಿನಾಂಕ02.07.2022 ರ ಸುತ್ತೋಲೆಯನ್ವಯ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಖಾತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ರೂ. **428.00** ಕೋಟಿಗಳ ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿ ನಿಧಿಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳು ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ವಲಯದ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಶೇ. 60 ರಷ್ಟು ಹಾಗೂ ಶೇ.40 ರಷ್ಟನ್ನು ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಲಯ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಾತ್ಮಕ ಬಡ್ಡಿದರದಲ್ಲಿ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕವಾಗಿ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿಯ ನಿಶ್ಚಿತ ಠೇವಣಿಯಾಗಿ ತೊಡಗಿಸಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಠೇವಣಿ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲು ಮೈಸೂರು ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ವಲಯದ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳ ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಲಯದ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳಿಂದ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಾತ್ಮಕ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ದರವನ್ನು E-Portal(WWW.KPPP.Karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಅರ್ಹತೆಗಳು:–

1. ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ವಲಯದ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳು, ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಖಾಸಗಿ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳು ಅನುಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ರೂ. 5000 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. 1000 ಕೋಟಿ ಹಾಗೂ 5000 ಕೋಟಿ ನಿವ್ವಳ (Net Worth) ಬಂಡಾವಾಳವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕು. (ದೃಢೀಕೃತ ಪ್ರತಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು)
2. ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ವಲಯಗಳ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳ ಹಾಗೂ ಖಾಸಗಿ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಶೇ.12 ಕ್ಕೆ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಇಲ್ಲದಂತೆ ಕ್ಯಾಪಿಟಲ್ ಅಡಿಕ್ವೆಸಿ ರೇಷಿಯೋ ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕು ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಶೇ.10 ಕ್ಕೆ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಇಲ್ಲದಂತೆ ಕ್ಯಾಪಿಟಲ್ ಅಡಿಕ್ವೆಸಿ ರೇಷಿಯೋ ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕು. (ದೃಢೀಕೃತ ಪ್ರತಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು)
3. ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ವಲಯದ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳು ಹಿಂದಿನ 5 ವರ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 2 ವರ್ಷಗಳು ಲಾಭದ (Profitablity Track Record) ದಾಖಲೆ ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕು. (ದೃಢೀಕೃತ ಪ್ರತಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು)
4. ಖಾಸಗಿ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕುಗಳು ಕಳೆದ 5 ವರ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಲಾಭದ (Profitability Track Record) ದಾಖಲೆ ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕು. (ದೃಢೀಕೃತ ಪ್ರತಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು)
5. ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.08.2022 ರಿಂದ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬರುವಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವಂತೆ ನಿವ್ವಳ N.P.A. ಖಾಸಗಿ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಕೃತ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ 3.90 % ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಶೇ.10.62% ದಾಟಿರಬಾರದು. (ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31.03.2022 ರಿಂದ 31.07.2023 ವರೆಗೆ N.P.A. ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುತ್ತದೆ). (ದೃಢೀಕೃತ ಪ್ರತಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು)
6. ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ ಅಪೇಕ್ಷಿಸಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗಶ: / ಪೂರ್ಣ ಪ್ರಮಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಶ್ಚಿತ ಠೇವಣಿಯನ್ನು ಹಿಂತಗೆದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ದಂಡ ವಿಧಿಸತ್ಕದಲ್ಲ (Pre Maturity Penalty)
7. ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡಿರುವ “Annexure -1” ರಲ್ಲಿ ದೃಢೀಕರಿಸಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು.

ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು: 1. ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣವನ್ನು ನೀಡದೇ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ. **2.** ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವ ನಿಶ್ಚಿತ ಠೇವಣಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆಯ ಮೊತ್ತದ ಅನುಪಾತವನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಮೇಲಿನ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕುಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನ/ಅವಧಿಗೆ ನೀಡುವ ಗರಿಷ್ಟ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ದರವನ್ನು ಇ– ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಮುಖಾಂತರ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26.07.2023** ರಿಂದ **02.08.2023 ರ 17.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ** ಅರ್ಹತೆ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದ್ದು, ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕವಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಹತೆಗೊಳ್ಳುವ ಬಿಡ್ಡುದಾರರು **ದಿನಾಂಕ 09.08.2023** ರಂದು ನಡೆಯುವ ನೈಜ ಬಿಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ **ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00** ರಿಂದ **ಸಂಜೆ 17.00** ಗಂಟೆಯರವರೆಗೆ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಅರ್ಹತೆಯನ್ನು ಕುರಿತಂತೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಿರುವ ನಿಗಧಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿನ ಮೊಹರು ಮತ್ತು ಸಹಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ Up Load ಮಾಡಬೇಕು.

ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳು: E-Portal ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಇರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

Period	>= 200 crore
9 Months 1 day < = 1 Year	

ಬಡ್ಡಿದರವು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.08.2023 ರವರೆಗೆ ಚಾಲ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರಬೇಕು.

ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿಯ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ಭಾಗಶ: ಠೇವಣಿ ಇರಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ನಿರ್ಣಯವೇ ಅಂತಿಮವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಯಾವುದೇ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗಧಿ ಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ **E-Bidding** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರು ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸುವ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯು ಅಂತಿಮವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಆಧೀಕ್ಷಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು ಮೈಸೂರು ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that on behalf of our Client, we are scrutinizing the right and title of the owners listed in the table below (collectively referred to herein as “**Owners**”), to the corresponding land parcels shown against their respective names and comprised in the Survey Numbers mentioned below, totally admeasuring an extent of **8 Acres 18.04 Guntas** situated at (i) **Jakkasandra Village**, **Maralavadi Hobli**; and (ii) **Bannikuppe Village**, **Harohalli Hobli**, both within **Harohalli Taluk**, **Ramanagara District**, more particularly described in the ‘**Schedule**’ hereunder and collectively referred to herein as the “**Schedule Properties**”.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that if any person/s, entity, company, firm or institution has or asserts any right, title or interest by way of sale, lease, license, tenancy, mortgage, charge, lien, easement, pending litigation, claim, demand or any other interest of whatsoever nature in or upon the Schedule Properties or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details and documents in support of such claim within **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of this Notice, failing which it shall be conclusively presumed and deemed that the aforesaid Owners have a clear and marketable title to the Schedule Properties and that none else has any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Properties; and our Client would be at liberty to proceed to enter into and complete the intended transaction in respect of the Schedule Properties. Any objections and/ or claims received after the expiry of the notice period mentioned above shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our Client.

SCHEDULE
SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of immovable properties being lands totally admeasuring an extent of **8 Acres 18.04 Guntas** situated at (i) **Jakkasandra Village**, **Maralavadi Hobli**; **and** (ii) **Bannikuppe Village**, **Harohalli Hobli**, both within **Harohalli Taluk**, **Ramanagara District**, and comprised in the following Survey Numbers, and held by the respective landowners as hereunder:

Sl. No.	Survey No.	Extent (Acres – Guntas)		Owners	Boundaries
		Cultivable/ Converted Land	Kharab		
1.	172 (Jakkasandra)	0 – 02	-	Mrs. P.S. Kavitha	East : Remaining portion in Survey No. 172; West : Survey No. 234/p4; North : Road; and South : Survey No. 234/p4.
2.	205/1 (Bannikuppe)	0 – 02	-	Mrs. P.S. Kavitha	East : Road and land in Survey No. 205/7; West : Remaining portion in Survey No. 205/1; North : Road; and South : Survey No. 205/7.
3.	205/1 (Bannikuppe)	0 – 2.08	-	Mr. P.M. Sundar	East : Remaining portion in Survey No. 205/1; West : Remaining portion in Survey No. 205/1; North : Road; and South : Survey Nos. 205/5 & 205/6.
4.	205/4 (Bannikuppe)	0 – 9.12	-	Mr. P.M. Sundar	East : Remaining portion in Survey No. 205/4; West : Remaining portion in Survey No. 205/4; North : Survey No. 205/7; and South : Survey No. 234.
5.	205/4 (Bannikuppe)	0 – 19.08	-	Mrs. P.S. Kavitha	East : Survey No. 234/p4; West : Remaining portion in Survey No. 205/4; North : Survey No. 205/7; and South : Survey No. 234.
6.	205/4 (Bannikuppe)	0 – 39	-	Mr. P.M. Sundar	East : Remaining portion in Survey No. 205/4; West : Remaining portion in Survey No. 205/4; North : Survey Nos. 205/3, 205/5, 205/6 & 205/7; and South : Survey No. 234.
7.	205/5 (Bannikuppe)	0 – 6.08	-	Mr. P.M. Sundar	East : Survey No. 205/6; West : Survey No. 205/3; North : Survey No. 205/1; and South : Survey No. 205/4.
8.	205/6 (Bannikuppe)	0 – 13	-	Mr. P.M. Sundar	East : Survey No. 205/7; West : Survey No. 205/5; North : Survey No. 205/1; and South : Survey No. 205/4.
9.	205/7 (Bannikuppe)	1 – 00	0 – 04	Mrs. P.S. Kavitha	East : Survey No. 234/p4; West : Survey No. 205/6; North : Survey No. 205/1 & Road; and South : Survey No. 205/4.
10.	234/p4 (Bannikuppe)	2 – 00	-	Mrs. P.S. Kavitha	East : Village Boundary & Survey No. 172 of Jakkasandra Village; West : Survey Nos. 205/4 & 205/7; North : Road; and South : Survey No. 234.
11.	283 (Bannikuppe)	3 – 00	-	Mr. P.M. Sundar	East : Survey Nos. 234/p2 & 234; West : Survey No. 234; North : Survey Nos. 205/4 & 206; and South : Village Boundary & Survey No. 234.
		8 – 14.04	0 – 04		
	Total	**8 Acres 18.04 Guntas**			

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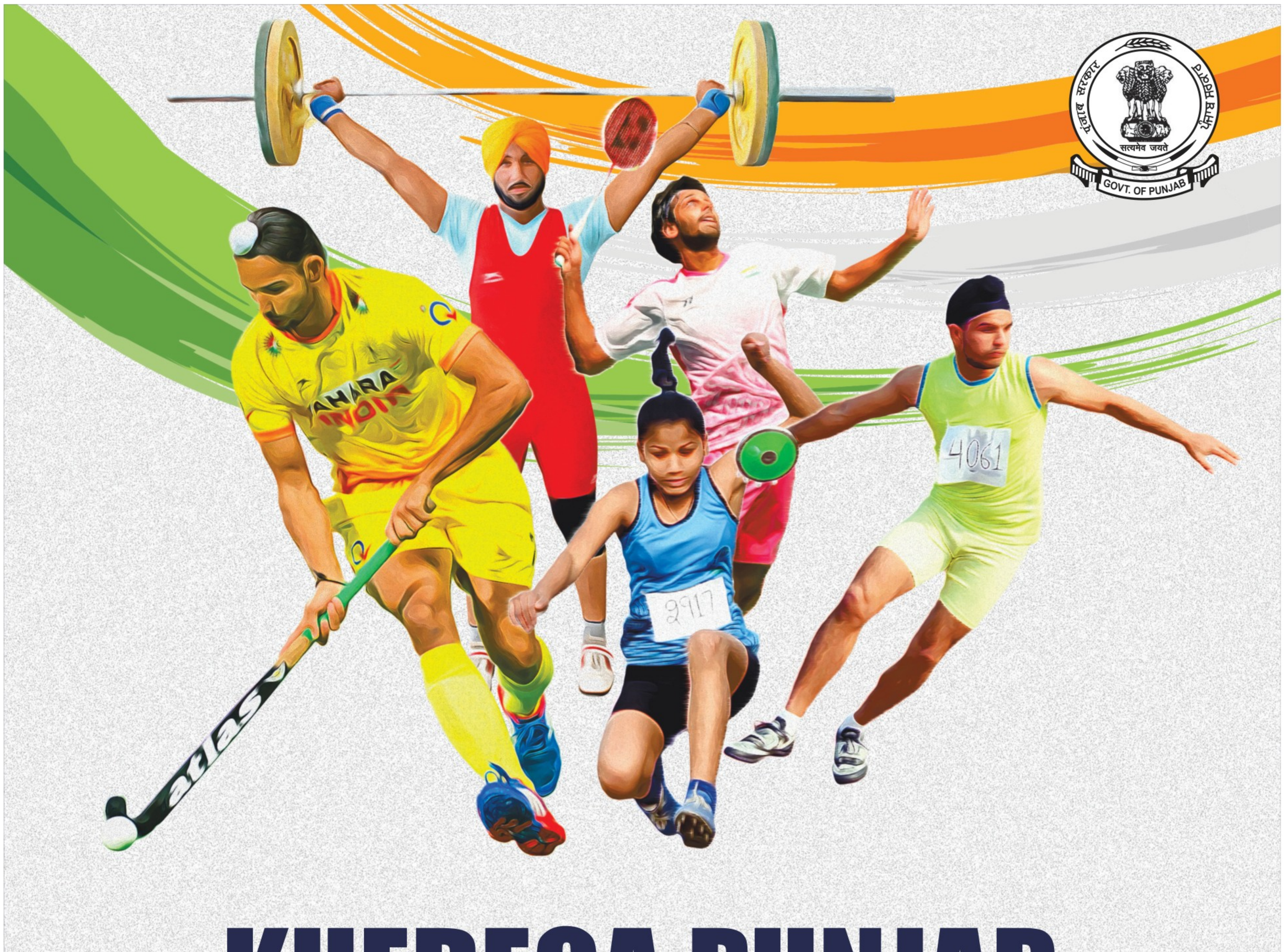

KHEDEGA PUNJAB
EXCELLING IN SPORTS

- **55%** increase in sports budget
- **9,961** Players awarded **₹ 6.85 Crore** award money
- **₹ 9.30 Crore** cash prize to **23** players, who participated in Birmingham Commonwealth Games
- **₹ 5 Crore** award money to participants of National Games organized in Gujarat
- Shaheed Bhagat Singh Youth State Award relaunched
- Olympian Balbir Singh Senior Scholarship Scheme launched
  - **₹16,000** per month for medalists of Senior category
  - **₹12,000** per month for medalists of Junior category

Bhagwant Mann
Chief Minister, Punjab

Department of Information and Public Relations, Punjab

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INBRIEF

Supplementary exam-2 for II PU students from August 21

The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board is conducting the second round of supplementary exam for those who have failed to clear the II PUC exam this year.

The supplementary exam-2 will be held form August 21 to September 2 from 2.15 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. The board conducted the first supplementary exam in May/June, where only about 32% of the registered students managed to pass. Therefore, the board has decided to give another chance to those who failed to clear the previous exam. The KSEAB said those who failed in the 2022-23 main exam or any exam conducted prior to it will be eligible to register and not those who wish to improve their marks.

Number of women judges rises to six in Karnataka HC

The number of women judges has increased to six among the total 51 judges in the High Court of Karnataka as Justice Lalitha Kumari Kanneganti *(in picture)* took oath as a judge on Friday on her transfer from the High Court of Telangana.

Born in Cheruvu Jammulapalem village, Bapatla Mandal, Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh, she enrolled as an advocate in 1994 after obtaining a law degree from Osmania University in Hyderabad.

She had served as standing counsel for English and Foreign Languages University, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, Sri Venkateswara Vedic University, Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences, and Sanskrit University, Tirupati, prior to her elevation as a judge of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh on May 2, 2020.

Later, she was transferred to the High Court of Telangana on November 15, 2021.

Union Minister says internal reservation issue is *sub judice*

Erstwhile BJP government in the State had cited internal reservation as an achievement of the party in the run-up to the Assembly elections, and Union Home Minister Amit Shah had assured it would be implemented

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Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment A. Narayanaswamy has said that the matter of internal reservation is *sub judice* as it is pending in the Supreme Court, when asked whether the Union government is considering a constitutional amendment to allow Karnataka to provide internal reservation for the Scheduled Castes (SCs).

Answering a question in the Rajya Sabha on July 26, he said that of the 20 States and two Union Territories that have responded, 13 States had opposed the recommendation of the national commission to examine sub-categorisation of the Scheduled Castes to amend Article 341 of the Constitution.

The Minister's response has created a stir in Karnataka, as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government (2019-23) in the State had got approval in the State Cabinet for internal reservation for SCs, held a convention in Hubballi to celebrate the development, and listed it among the achievements of the party in its election manifesto. Union Home Minister Amit Shah had assured the people of Karnataka that the Union government would implement internal reservation.

Wait continues: A file photo of Dalit groups staging a protest at Freedom Park in Bengaluru demanding internal reservation.

'BJP misled community'

Several leaders among the 'left' sub-groups of Dalits, who have been fighting for internal reservation for decades, have come down heavily on the BJP for "misleading" the community for electoral gains in the run-up to the Assembly polls in May 2023.

K.P. Santosh Kodihalli, an activist fighting for internal reservation, said, "If now the government hints at not planning to bring a constitutional amendment to implement internal reservation because it is *sub judice*, which it was since 2020, why did the BJP governments, both in the State and the Centre, give an impression in March-April 2023 that this will be implemented? Moreover, why cannot a constitutional amendment be brought in even if the matter is *sub judice*?

"The BJP has been viewing the issue of internal reservation only from the lens of electoral politics, with no commitment to the welfare of the communities, despite benefiting from their electoral support on these very grounds."

Senior Dalit activist Ambanna Arolikar said the community, which had supported the BJP in at least three Assembly elections since 2008, had seen through the party's "charade" in the run-up to the 2023 Assembly polls, prompting a significant section of the community to shift their support to the Congress. Mr. Arolikar said he had also supported the Congress as he was "upset at how the BJP was misleading the community". He claimed that the BJP strategy was exposed by the Union Minister's response in the Rajya Sabha.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has also come down heavily on the BJP and tweeted that the incident had again exposed the "lies and hypocrisy of the BJP". Citing Mr. Narayanaswamy's reply in the Rajya Sabha, he said: "Then how did BJP Karnataka send the proposal for internal reservation to the Union Government in March? Why did the BJP mislead the people of Karnataka before the elections? People of Karnataka were aware of BJP's hypocrisy. And hence, they voted BJP out of power."

The former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, whose Cabinet recommended implementation of internal reservation, has shot back claiming there is no contradiction in what his government had said and what Mr. Narayanaswamy has told the Rajya Sabha.

"The Union Minister has only stated the facts as of today. There is no provision for internal reservation in the Constitution as it stands today. Our government had recommended to the Union government to bring in a constitutional amendment to Article 341 to make it possible. Yes, the subject was *sub judice* even when we made our recommendation," he said.

Three of family killed in road accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A truck rammed a bike killing three members of a family, including a woman and her daughter, on Thursday evening at Hoskote, on the outskirts of the city. They were on their way to a hospital when the accident occurred.

Shwetha, 38, and her daughter Sukruta, 7, were riding pillion and their relative Manohar, 19, was riding the bike. The family, which hailed from Gonaganahalli in Hoskote taluk, was travelling to a hospital at Jadigenahalli. The truck that was moving on the opposite side. The police have booked a case.

In a separate case, an employee of a private firm died due to negligent driving. The deceased, identified as Varun B.R., 28, was driving on airport road around 2 a.m. on Friday. As he lost control of the wheel, he ran over the divider at Hunasamaranahalli cross and hit another car moving on the opposite lane. Varun died on the spot, according to the police. The driver of the other car, identified as Sanjay, suffered knee injury and is being treated at a private hospital.

Ministers to meet Rahul Gandhi on August 2

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With several MLAs raising their voice against the functioning of some Ministers in the two-month-old Congress government in Karnataka, the former AICC president Rahul Gandhi has decided to meet all Ministers and senior leaders of the party on August 2 in New Delhi.

Party sources said that with the parliamentary elections less than a year away, the Congress is focusing on a good performance from Karnataka. "Mr. Gandhi will speak to Ministers urging them to collectively make efforts to effectively implement poll guarantees to bring a good image to the government," said a leader.

Rahul Gandhi

He is expected to give a pep talk to Ministers, telling them to spread the good word about the government's policies and initiatives at the ground level.

With some senior leaders sulking following the denial of Cabinet berths in the Siddaramaiah-led government, sources in the party said AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge, Mr. Gandhi, and AICC general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala are likely to hold talks with the leaders, including B.K. Hariprasad, MLC. The MLC would be persuaded not to air differences on policies in the public, a party functionary said.

To repeat the Assembly performance in the general elections, Mr. Gandhi is expected to tell senior leaders about the necessity of holding better ties between the government and the party to ensure support from the cadre.

Ministers for LS polls?

As the party has just one MP in the present Lok Sabha, sources said some Ministers would also be asked to make preparations to contest the coming Lok Sabha elections.

In the Congress Legislature Party meeting held on July 27, legislators expressed their anger over their constituency works not being prioritised by the Ministers.

On corruption charges

As the former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy had levelled charges of corruption in the transfer of officials, Mr. Gandhi is expected to remind Ministers about the party's 40% commission campaign against the previous BJP government.

In the meeting, the party high command is likely to make a detailed presentation to Ministers on how various programmes and initiatives of the government can bring benefits to people. The meeting would discuss social media handlers of Ministers too, sources said.

High Court notice to Siddaramaiah on plea challenging his election

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday ordered the issue of notice to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on a petition which has questioned his election from the Varuna Assembly constituency on the ground that he had indulged in corrupt practice by inducing voters through "bribe" offered in the form of five guarantee schemes through the Congress election manifesto and guarantee cards.

Justice S. Sunil Dutt Yadav passed the order on an election petition filed by K.M. Shankara, a voter from the constituency in Mysuru district. Further hearing on the petition has been adjourned till September 1.

Siddaramaiah

The petitioner had sought a direction from the court to declare the election of Mr. Siddaramaiah as void alleging that the leader had allegedly indulged in corrupt practices as defined under Section 123(1), 123(2), 123(4) and 123(6) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

Petition alleges he indulged in corrupt practice by inducing voters through 'bribe' offered in the form of five guarantee schemes through Congress manifesto

The manner in which the canvas was done by distributing the election manifesto of the Indian National Congress and the guarantee cards in the constituency amounted to directly inducing the voters, it has been claimed in the petition.

As a candidate is officially nominated by a political party through the procedure prescribed in law, the promises made by way of the manifesto of the political party are directly attributable to the candidate set up by that party, and hence the corrupt practice of inducting voters through guarantee scheme is attributable to Mr. Siddaramaiah as well as other candidates of the party and its leaders under the law, it has been contended in the petition.

Dept. to supply seeds of short-duration crops due to delay in monsoon

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Agriculture Department has decided to supply sowing seeds of short-duration crop varieties to farmers in the wake of the delay in the onset of monsoon in the State, according to Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy.

The Minister, who held a meeting with senior officials of the Agriculture Department on the issues related to the supply of fertilizers and sowing seeds to farmers in the wake of several areas of the State witnessing good rains in the last few days, told media persons that sowing seeds of short-duration crop varieties such as ragi, maize and horse gram would be made available to farmers. The Minister said the government had 14 lakh tonnes of fertilizers and one lakh tonnes of sowing seeds. Pointing out that the State had witnessed only 53% sowing so far as only 43 lakh hectares of the targeted 82 lakh hectares had been sown, he expressed confidence that the sowing would touch 100% in the next 15 days due to good rains now.

He also noted that the Agriculture Department had decided to shut Micro Irrigation Corporation and Karnataka Agro Industries Corporation which are in the red and their staff would be merged with the Agriculture Department.

N. Cheluvarayaswamy

Decision on separate commission for nomadic communities after legal advice: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday said his government would take a call on setting up a separate commission for nomadic and semi-nomadic tribes after getting legal advice in this regard.

Addressing a meeting of State-level leaders of the coordination committee of nomadic and semi-nomadic communities on their grievances, the Chief Minister made it clear that the government was positive regarding the idea of setting up such a separate commission for them.

Stressing the need for bringing these deprived communities into the mainstream, he said the government would also consider providing special housing facilities to them.

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal)

KPCL invites tenders in two cover system through e-procurement portal for the following works: **1) KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT378 Date: 26.07.2023. Name of the work:** Cleaning and clearing of fallen ash and other debris from CHP wagon tippler road to the end of north gate. **2) KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT 368 Date: 25.07.2023. Name of the work:** Upgradation/ Replacement of Unit-1 Dry and Wet SWAS sampling system. EMD: **Rs.1,86,000/-**. The tender details can be downloaded from GoK e-procurement website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be obtained from the office of the **Executive Engineer(AHP)-2**, +91 94482 90730 (for Sl. No. 1)/ **Executive Engineer (I&C)-1**, +91 94482 90737 (for Sl. No. 2), BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini-583152, Bellary Dist.

UNIVERSITY OF HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES, BAGALKOT
Office of the Estate Officer, Udyanagiri, Near Simikeri By-Pass, Bagalkot – 587104
No: SPO/EO/UHSB/TN-179/2023-24 Date: 28-07-2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot is inviting tender for the **supply of chemicals, lab ware, glassware, culture media, DNS sequencing pack, Molecular biology kits, Paper Bags, Selfing Bags, Germination Paper & Filter Papers, Gunny Bags & HDPE Bags etc., under annual rate contract for various research stations and Colleges under the Jurisdiction of UHS, Bagalkot**. The interested suppliers are requested to participate in the tender online through **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal**. For more details, please contact **Ph.No: 08354-230258** and visit the link **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for detailed specifica tion, conditions and schedule of events and notification.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1	Last date and time for tender queries / **clarification.**	**05-08-2023**	@	**14.00 Hrs**
2	Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	**16-08-2023**	@	**16.00 Hrs**
3	Date and time for opening of Technical Bid	**18-08-2023**	@	**11.00 Hrs**
4	Date and time for opening of Financial Bid (if possible)	**21-08-2023**	@	**12.00 Hrs**

All bidders shall get updated with corrigendum / addendum received from time to time during the entire tender process by visiting KPP portal.

Sd/-
ESTATE OFFICER,
UHS, BAGALKOT

DIPR/BGK/67/2023-24/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION OF BIDS– TWO COVER –ITEMWAR TENDER – Short Term (e-Submission)

IFB No.	10 & 11 /F.O & M of CWSS 2023-26/DO-2 /CE/VLR/2023/ /Dt. 27.07.2023 (2nd call)
Eligibility	Registered Class I Bidders (Civil)
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, 1 East Cross Road, Gandhi Nagar, Katpadi, Vellore - 632 006.
Downloading Period	**28.07.2023 to 12.08.2023 upto 15.00 hours**
EMD Payable	Online Mode through E-Tendering **Website https://tntenders.gov.in**
Pre Bid meeting	**04.08.2023 at 11.00 hours** at the office of the Tender Invitee
Bid Submission	**12.08.2023 before 15.00 hours** duly Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering **Website https://tntenders.gov.in**
Bid opening	**14.08.2023 at 15.30 hours** through E-Tender Portal

IFB No.	Name of work	Approximate value (incl. GST 18%) (Rs. in crore)	Bid Security (Rs. in lakhs)
	Operation and maintenance of the following CWSS including repair, rectification works and supply of Chemicals for three years period from 2023- 24 to 2025-2026		
10	CWSS in Thiruvannamalai District 27 Nos.	21.93	17.00
11	CWSS in 3 Districts Chengalpet-12 Nos, Kancheepuram-8 Nos & Thiruvallur-8 Nos. Total- 28 Nos.	12.60	9.50

DIPR/ 4139 /TENDER/2023
SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS
"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"

Chief Engineer (i/c),
TWAD Board, Vellore.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (QA/QC) Division, Yelahanka Zone, Room No.101, Annex-3 Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.
No: EE(QA/QC)/YNK/TEND/02/2022-23 Date: 28-07-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION - (2nd Call)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Quality Assurance / Quality Control Division (Yelahanka Zone), BBMP, invites Request for Proposal from interested Persons / Firms those who have done similar type of work for Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality Control (PMC).

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for Construction of Urdu School at Kamakshamma Layout in Chowdeshwari Ward No.02	**125.00**	**3,125/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) RFP Documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 01-08-2023. 2)** Any Queries: **09-08-2023 upto 4.00 PM. 3)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **07-08-2023 at 4.00 PM in the Office of the Chief Engineer (QA/QC), Room No. 101, Annex-3 Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002. 4)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **10-08-2023 upto 4.00 PM. 5)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **11-08-2023 at 4.30 PM.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (QA/QC) Division, Yelahanka Zone, BBMP.

48 rescued from flash floods in A.P.

The Hindu Bureau
NANDIGAMA

Forty-eight villagers, trapped in flash floods at Kanchala Lanka, Ambapuram and other habitations in NTR district of Andhra Pradesh, were rescued by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) 10th Battalion, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Quick Response Teams (QRTs) and the police, and were brought to safe places using cranes and ropes.

The river bed village, Kanchala Lanka, was completely surrounded by flood waters.

Water continued to flow on National Highway 65 at Ithavaram village in Nandigama mandal on Friday, as Munneru river, which was in spate, flooded the area.

Road communication from Vijayawada to Hyderabad was cut off, as knee-deep water flowed on the National Highway since Thursday.

Telangana floods: toll rises to 17

Flash floods triggered by rains in Mulugu district of the State claim 14 lives; in Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy directs the collectors of five districts to be vigilant of the rising flood levels in Godavari river at Bhadrachalam

The Hindu Bureau
MULUGU/VIJAYAWADA

Water world: Godavari flows above the danger mark at Bhadrachalam in Telangana on Friday. PTI

The death toll from flash floods triggered by unprecedented rains in Telangana's Mulugu district since Wednesday night has risen to 14 with the recovery of eight bodies from Jampannavagu stream at Kondai village in Eturunagaram mandal of the tribal majority district on Friday.

The bodies of eight villagers of the flood-affected Kondai, who were swept away in the flooded Jampannavagu on Thursday, were recovered by the joint teams of the NDRF and police personnel after a strenuous search operation.

Several rain-related incidents were also reported from various other districts of the State.

In Jagtial district, a woman was killed after the wall in her house crashed on her due to incessant rain on Thursday.

In Hanamkonda district, a youth was reportedly swept away by the gushing waters of a stream when he attempted to cross it on his bike on Thursday. A search is on to trace him.

Two rain-related deaths were reported one each from Mulkalapalli and Pinapaka mandals.

Meanwhile, a search is on to trace four villagers, who were washed away in the flash floods in the local stream, in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district.

Flood level in Godavari

Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Friday directed the collectors of five districts to be vigilant of the rising flood levels in the Godavari river as water level is expected to rise to 53.81 ft from the current 49.6 ft at Bhadrachalam in Telangana.

In the wake of incessant rains, the Chief Minister reviewed the flood situation through video conference, noting that the inflow and outflow of flood waters at Sir Arthur Cotton Barrage in Dowleswaram could go up to 16 lakh cusecs from 13 lakh cusecs.

"Because it does not go above 17 lakh cusecs, the flood threat would be between second and third warning levels as against the 26 lakh cusecs of flood waters we faced last year," Mr. Reddy said.

Relief measures

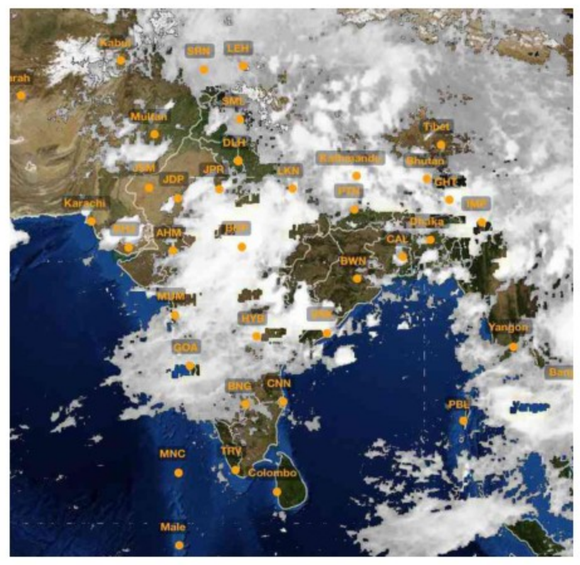
He directed officials to extend relief and rehabilitation services with a humane touch.

Mr. Reddy instructed the officials to evacuate people in advance, extend facilities in the relief camps and also hand out financial aid of up to ₹2,000 to the evacuees while being sent back home.

(With inputs from PTI)

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Vidarbha and Konkan & Goa

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	7.9	34.4	26.4	Kozhikode	10	30.9	22.9
Ahmedabad	—	31.7	27.4	Kurnool	1	31.5	24.0
Aizawl	—	32.8	22.3	Lucknow	—	36.5	29.2
Allahabad	—	39.1	29.6	Madurai	—	40.0	27.3
Bengaluru	—	28.4	19.2	Mangaluru	32.3	28.5	22.1
Bhopal	—	—	—	Mumbai	119	27.4	24.6
Bhubaneswar	—	32.8	26.2	Mysuru	—	29.0	21.6
Chandigarh	2	31.0	26.4	New Delhi	—	34.3	26.6
Chennai	—	36.4	27.6	Patna	—	37.3	28.7
Coimbatore	—	32.5	21.6	Port Blair	0.3	30.2	26.8
Dehradun	13.8	32.0	24.3	Puducherry	—	37.0	27.6
Gangtok	16	22.3	18.5	Pune	16.6	26.2	21.9
Goa	15	30.1	23.4	Raipur	68	32.6	25.5
Guwahati	0.4	34.2	27.0	Ranchi	8	31.4	23.6
Hubballi	—	27.0	22.0	Shillong	4	25.4	18.7
Hyderabad	11	27.8	21.7	Shimla	11	21.7	16.5
Imphal	—	30.4	22.4	Srinagar	—	24.9	20.0
Jaipur	—	33.0	26.5	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.2	24.6
Kochi	0.2	30.0	24.0	Tiruchi	—	37.4	28.0
Kohima	—	—	18.2	Vijayawada	—	29.8	25.6
Kolkata	2	33.8	26.1	Visakhapatnam	—	33.4	27.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.24	.47	.26	41	83	
Bengaluru	.6	.25	.80	30	122	
Chennai	.4	137	.53	87	78	
Delhi	.4	.21	.80	99	124	
Hyderabad	.11	.5	.38	67	73	
Kolkata	.3	.25	.20	31	30	
Lucknow	.3	.26	.25	87	110	
Mumbai	.—	.21	106	26	31	
Pune	133	225	109	32	28	
Visakhapatnam	.14	.35	.17	27	59	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 189 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 13

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Karnataka Governor reaches Bengaluru airport late, misses flight

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka Governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot, who was scheduled to fly from Bengaluru to Hyderabad on Thursday, was stranded at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) after the AIX Connect (formerly AirAsia India) flight took off without him.

Mr. Gehlot was to travel on flight I5972, which was scheduled to depart at 2.05 p.m. from Terminal 2. The flight took off at 2.12 p.m. without the Governor.

The airline confirmed that Mr. Gehlot was scheduled to travel on the flight and that he missed it. Regretting the incident, AIX Connect has ordered an investigation into the matter.

"We sincerely regret the incident. An investigation is being conducted, and appropriate action will be taken. The senior leadership team of the airline is in contact with the Governor's office to address their concerns. Our commitment to the highest standards of professionalism and adherence to protocol remains unwavering, and we deeply value our relationship with the Governor's office," an airline spokesperson said on Friday.

Governor arrived late

Sources said that the Governor arrived at the airport just four minutes prior to the departure of the flight. However, the Governor's office contradicted this claim.

"As per the departure schedule, the flight was to leave at 2.05 p.m., but the Governor arrived at the airport only at 2.01 p.m. Adhering to safety protocol, doors of the aircraft are closed 10-15 minutes prior to its departure, and the cabin crew, thereafter, conduct the in-flight safety briefing to passengers," according to a source.

The sources added that once the doors of the aircraft were closed, as they were in this case, it is the prerogative of the captain to open the doors to allow a passenger to board the aircraft. Mr. Gehlot left for Hyderabad a few hours later by another AIX Connect flight.

Complaint lodged

M. Venugopal, protocol officer, Raj Bhavan, has filed a complaint at the KIA police station against the airline staff. The complaint stated that Mr. Gehlot reached KIA Terminal VIP Lounge in Terminal-1 at 1.35 pm, and by that time, his luggage had been checked in.

Mr. Venugopal, in the complaint, stated that the Governor arrived near the aircraft at 2.05 p.m., but the staff member did not allow the Governor to enter the aircraft.

"The Governor waited near the aircraft for 10 minutes, and the door of the flight was also open, but he was not allowed inside. Later the Governor went back to the VIP lounge," said the complaint, adding, "As the Governor is the first citizen of the State, this incident was an embarrassment to the Governor."

'Shakti has pushed citizens to travel'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Tourism Minister H.K. Patil on Friday said that the government is committed to empowering citizens through travel and that the Shakti scheme has been playing an instrumental role in this.

Speaking at the 'India International Travel Mart' (IITM) which facilitated interaction between the tourism industry and corporate buyers, customers, and travel traders, he said that the platform presented an opportunity to showcase Karnataka as a premier travel destination.

IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI
O.S.NO.448 /2006
BETWEEN : B.S.Lokesh Babu & others ...Plaintiffs
AND: B.N Sathyakumar & others ...Defendants
SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS NO. 2(b), 3(a) , (b), (c)

D2 (b). Bharathi, D/o Late Mangala Shankar, aged about 55 years, R/at. Giri Coffee Works, Near Sakamma Bangle, Basaveshwara Temple Road, Somavarpete, Kodagu District, Madikeri.
D3(a). Rajashekar, H/o. Late Sridevi, aged about 62 years,
D3 (b) Basavaraju.B, S/o Late Sreedevi,aged about 48 years, both R/at Arasikere Town, Hassan District.
D3 (C) Premalatha, D/o Late reedevi, aged about 35 years, R/at Chikkamagaluru Town, Chikkamagaluru District.

Under Order V Rule 20 Read with Section 151 Of Code Of Civil Procedure 1908.

Whereas the plaintiff has filed the above suit for the relief of partition and separate possession in respect, of the land (i) measuring 1 acres 18 guntas comprised in Sy.no.51 Situated at Muddanayakanahalli Village, kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, (ii) Land measuring 2 acres 31 guntas comprised in Sy .no.52, Situated at Muddanayakanahalli Village, kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District,

You are hereby summoned to appear in the person or by a pleader on **5th August 2023 at 11.00 AM** to answer the claim and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intended to rely in support of your defense.

Take notice that in default of your appear appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court, on this **19-07-2023.**

By Order of the Court, Sheristedar, Court Of Principal Senior Civil Judge & JMFC at Devanahalli

POODUR VIJAYRAJU, K.VARAPRASAD, K.T. KADOOR, Advocates, Namma Office, Sri. Krishna Nilaya, Taluk office Road, Devanahalli.

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Ph : 080 23571355/66, Email: ro.peenya@epfindia.gov.in

TENDER NOTICE

Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, Regional Office, Peenya invites Bid through GeM (GEM/2023/B/3719447) for Empanelment of Chartered Accountant Firms for the year **2023-24.** Interested agencies may send their quotations through GeM on or before **21.08.2023 latest by 2.00 PM** The Tender Document can be obtained from GeM Portal Non IT Professional Service (version 2) vide No. GEM/2023/B/3719447. The bids will be opened on **21.08.2023 after 2.30 PM.**
Detailed instruction is available on EPFO website **www.epfindia.gov.in**

-Sd-
(Vishwa Mitra Kumar)
Regional P.F Commissioner-II,
RO, Peenya, Bengaluru

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Ballari Thermal Power Station)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No. KPCL/2023-24/PS/Work_Indent222/Call-2 Date: 28.07.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Kp-procurement portal only)

Tender is invited in Two-cover system for the following Work.
Testing of ABB/Alstom/Areava/Schneider Electric make numerical relays located in GRP Panels of 500MW Unit-2 & 700MW Unit-3 at BTPS site. Amount Put to Tender: **Rs. 6,27,324/-**, EMD: **Rs. 15,700/-**. Last date for submission of bid: **04.08.2023 upto 2:00 p.m.**
The other details can be accessed from GoK Kp-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (GM)** KPCL, BTPS, Kudathini-583152, Ballari Dist. Mobile No. +91 9448290555.

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION & G.W.D DIVISION, TUMKUR
Ref No.02/2023-24 KW-4(TWO COVER YSTEM) "E" PROCUREMENT DT. 26.07.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION Dated:26.07.2023

On behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of State of Karnataka, as per K.T.P.P act with latest amendments, Item wise "e"-procurement tenders are invited for the works mentioned under H/A : CEPMIZ from the elgible contractors of suitable category registered under KPWD. Tender publishing details are as given below. 1. Tender will be published through e-procurement on: Dated: 28-07-2023 at 11.30 Hours. 2. Last date of queries & Pre bid meeting will be conducted on Office of the Superintendent Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Circle, Bangalore on Dated: 03-08-2023 at 11.30Hours. 3. Last date for Receipt of completed tenders through e-procurement portal may be uploaded before 17.00 Hours on Dated: 14-08-2023. 4. Technical Bid will be opened on Dated: 16-08-2023 at 17.05 Hours. 5. Financial Bid will be opened on Dated: 17-08-2023 at 17.10 Hours. For further details, visit e-procurement website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ or from the office undersigned, on working days. If the office happens to be closed on dates above as specified, the next working day at the same time and venue will be considered.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
M.I & G.W.D Division, Tumkur
DIPR/TUM/89/KSMCA/2023-24

ನಗರಸಭೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಹಾವೇರಿ–581 110
ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್:www.havericity.mrc.gov.in ಜನಹಿತ ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ: 080 375–23108108
ಇ–ಮೇಲ್–: itstaff_ulb_haveri@yahoo.com ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಕಛೇರಿ: 08375–232444
ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ: ಹಾವೇರಿ ರಾಜ್ಯ: ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ
ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ/ನಸಹಾ/ತಾವಿ/ಟೆ.ಪ್ರ/ವಹಿ :2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ:27–07–2023

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಯಾವತ್ತೂ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ **2019–20**ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ **14**ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಯೋಜನೆಯ **ರೂ.150.00** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ **10** ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು **ದಿ.19/07/2023** ರಂದು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು ಹಾಗು **ದಿ.27/07/2023** ರಂದು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದರೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು **ದಿ.31/07/2023** ರವರೆಗೆ ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತವುಳ್ಳ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ತಮ್ಮ–ತಮ್ಮ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ನಮೂದಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. **kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಿ ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಳಿ ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು,
ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹಾವೇರಿ.
ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಹಾವೇರಿ/91/2023–24/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ

City Municipal Council, Bhadravathi
No.: CMCB/H.D./Tender/CR/01/2023-2 Date: 26.07.2023
Re-Tender Notice (Through e-procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka)

Re Tender is invited Public Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka in two cover system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999-2000 & Rules 2000, as per Karnataka Standard Tender Document – KW-4 for implementation of below mentioned work under Swachh Bharat Mission – 2.0 Scheme. Eligible Tenderers can participate in the Tender through portal http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sl.No. 1.Details of Work: Work of management and disposal of Legacy Waste at Hiriyuru Solid Waste Material Disposal Unit in the limits of City Municipal Council, Bhadravathi. (DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT 222/Call-2) **Amount put to Tender (Rs. In lakhs):** 820.84 **E.M.D. Amount:** 1231260/-

1) Date of Tender pre-bid meeting: 19.08.2023 at 11.00 AM. Place: City Municipal Council Office, Bhadravathi. **2)** Last date for submission of tender bids in e-portal: 25.08.03.2023 up to 5.30 PM. **3)** Date of opening Technical Bid through e-procurement: 28.08.2023 after 11.00 AM through online. If the said date is declared a holiday then the next day will be considered. **4)** Date of opening Financial Bid through e-procurement will be announced later. **5)** Period for completion of work: 9.5 months (Excluding Rainy Season). **6)** Tenderers should pay only the Tender Amount excluding G.S.T. **7)** Regarding uploading of tender contact portal Helpline 080-22485867 or 080-25501216 and Help Desk e-mail – support@eprochelpdesk.com Further details can be obtained from www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and the Office of Municipal Commissioner City Municipal Council, Bhadravathi / Assistant Executive Engineer (Environment), City Municipal Council, Bhadravathi.

8) Any Corrigendum/Annexure will be published only in portal and Tenderers should abide by all the conditions in Tender Documents.

Sd/-(Shruthi C.Vasanth Kumar K.G) President
Sd/-(Sarvamangala B.P.) Vice President
City Municipal Council, Bhadravathi.
Sd/-(K.Sudeep Kumar) Chariman, Standing Committee
Sd/- (Manukumar H.M., K.M.A.S) Muncipal Commissioner
City Municipal Council, Bhadravathi.
DIPR/smg/No.105/07/ksmca/23-24/258

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಅರಣ್ಯ ಭವನ, ಅಶೋಕಪುರಂ, ಮೈಸೂರು
ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 0821–2483853 ಇಮೇಲ್:dcfmdm@gmail.com
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಬಿ1/ಬಿಯುಡಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಸಿಆರ್–27/2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.07.2023

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ **ಮೈಸೂರು ವೃತ್ತದ** ವಿಭಾಗಗಳಿಗೆ 2023–24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 31ನೇ ಮಾರ್ಚ್ 2024 ರವರೆಗೆ ವಿವಿಧ ಅಳತೆಯ **LDPE** ಪಾಲಿಥೀನ್ ಚೀಲಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಇಚ್ಛೆ ಹೊಂದಿದ ಅಂಗೀಕೃತ ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರ/ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರ ಸಂಭಾವ್ಯ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ತಯಾರಿಸಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿರುವುದರಿಂದ, ಆಸಕ್ತ ಎಲ್‌ಡಿಪಿಇ ಚೀಲಗಳ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರ/ ಅಂಗೀಕೃತ ಉತ್ಪಾದಕ ಉದ್ದಿಮೆ ಘಟಕಗಳ ಗಮನವನ್ನು ಸೆಳೆಯುತ್ತಾ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದೆ. ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂದೆ ವಿಧಿಸಲಾಗುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು **ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮ 2000 ರನ್ವಯ** ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮಗಳ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅರ್ಥೈಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಮೂನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಯಿಂದ ಉಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು. ತುಂಬಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸವಾಲುಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **14.08.2023ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆ** ತನಕ ಅವಕಾಶವಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಸವಾಲುಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **16.08.2023ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು / ಡೌನ್ ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು.ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಯ ಹಂತದಲ್ಲಿ, ಅರ್ಹರಾದ ಸವಾಲುದಾರರ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಸವಾಲುಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **18.08.2023ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು / ಡೌನ್ ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು. ಸದರಿ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಾರದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇದೇ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಷರತ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.08.2023** ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ, ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.08.2023** ಹಾಗೂ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.08.2023**. ಒಚಿದು ವೇಳೆ ಮೇಲೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:ಗಳು ಸಾರ್ವತ್ರಿಕ ರಜೆಗಳೆಂದು ಘೋಷಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂದಿನ ಕೆಲಸದ ದಿನವು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತರೆಯುವ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ನೆಡಸುವ ದಿನವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಉಳಿದಂತೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಮತ್ತು ಷರತ್ತುಗಳ ಕುರಿತಾದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ/ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣ ಅಥವಾ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸವಾಲುದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನೀಡುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಸವಾಲು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪೂರ್ವ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ **04.08.2023**ರಂದು **ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ:11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಛೇರಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಸಹಿದಾರರ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ
ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈಸೂರು
DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/153/23-24

ಪುರಸಭೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಕುಶಾಲನಗರ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)
ನಂ.:ಪುರಸಭೆ.ಕು./ಜೆ.ಇ/ಟೆ.ಪ್ರ/02/2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27–07–2023

ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಭಾರತ್ ಮಿಷನ್–2 ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999, ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000 ರಂತೆ ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ (KW/4) ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಯಂತೆ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡು ನಂತರ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿವರಣೆ, ನಿಬಂಧನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಾಖೆಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ವಿವರ

1. ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಥಳ : 08–08–2023ರಂದು ಸಮಯ 03.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ, ಪುರಸಭೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ ಕುಶಾಲನಗರ
2. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 28–08–2023 ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 05.30 ಗಂಟೆ
3. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 30–08–2023ರ ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಮುಂದೆ ಸೂಚಿಸುವ ದಿನದಂದು
4. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 04–09–2023ರ ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ

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Needless move

By allowing ED chief's continuance, the SC has undermined its own authority

It comes no more as a shock or surprise if the Supreme Court is seen as deferring excessively to the government's wishes. The order allowing Sanjay Kumar Mishra, head of the Enforcement Directorate (ED), to continue till September 15 at the Centre's request is needlessly accommodative. It was only on July 11 that the Court declared illegal the extensions given to Mr. Mishra in 2021 and 2022. At the same time, he was permitted to continue till July 31 to ensure a smooth transition. Yet, without any submission that the process to select his successor has been set in motion, the Court has invoked an undefined "larger national interest" to allow him to go on up to September 15. It was a self-serving application in the first place. The ostensible reason that the government finds his services indispensable is that he is helming the country's efforts to demonstrate its framework to counter money laundering and the financing of terrorism during a country review before the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). The multi-lateral body adopts a mutual evaluation system and India's ongoing review will go on until June 2024, when the final evaluation report may be considered at a likely plenary discussion on its compliance status. The government sought an extension of his services until October 15, presumably because the country's agencies and institutions may be ready by then for an on-site visit by an FATF delegation.

As the agency that administers the law against money laundering, the ED may have a key role in preparing the country's presentation, but it is difficult to believe that the process depends on one individual. Even if it were so, nothing prevented the government from utilising Mr. Mishra's services for FATF purposes alone, while leaving the directorate's routine activities under his successor. In any case, various agencies and authorities are involved in framing the country's policies on money laundering and terrorism financing. It is unfortunate that the Court did not countenance arguments that highlighted these points. It did raise questions as to how one person could be indispensable, but ultimately chose to allow him to continue for some more time. One can understand the argument that the country's image depends on a positive FATF evaluation, but the claim that not giving Mr. Mishra an extension might result in a "negative image" is quite incomprehensible. India's credentials will be evaluated on its laws, systems and compliance with global standards and not on who prepared the report. The Court's permissiveness detracts from its resolve to hold the government to account for actions that it had itself declared illegal.

Mercury rising

Climate change calls for a renewed sense of urgency

The United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres, this week reiterated the consequences of the climate catastrophe that has enveloped the globe. The earth had passed from a warming phase into an "era of global boiling", he said at the UN's headquarters in New York. His comments come even as scientific evidence converges on the conclusion that July is set to be the hottest month in the last 12,000 years. This was a "disaster" for the whole planet, he said, noting that "short of a mini-Ice Age over the next few days, July 2023 will shatter records everywhere". Scientists from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the European Commission's Copernicus Climate Change Service described conditions this month as "rather remarkable and unprecedented", with July seeing the hottest three-week period on record. Average July temperature so far has been 16.95° Celsius, 0.2° C warmer than in July 2019 – a record in the 174-year observational data of the European Union.

With ocean temperatures on the rise and the Central Equatorial Pacific Ocean transitioning from La Niña conditions – where average sea surface temperatures are below normal – to El Niño conditions, the opposite, it was widely expected that temperatures would be warmer than that in the last three years (when La Niña prevailed). However, it is the distribution and impact of the 16.95° C, which includes temperature in northwest China touching 52° C; wildfires in Greece and the baking heat in the United States' Southwest. The extraordinarily high rains in north and western India, while largely due to prevailing monsoon conditions, were also due to the warm air increasing atmospheric capacity to hold moisture resulting in short torrential bursts, causing floods and devastation. While climate prognostication induces pessimism, Mr. Guterres said that it was still possible to limit global temperature rise to 1.5° C and avoid the very worst of climate change but only with "dramatic, immediate climate action". At a G-20 ministerial meet in Chennai the same day, the COP28 President-designate, Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, also emphasised that the world's largest economies should be more ambitious with emission cuts. While Prime Minister Narendra Modi has promised to make India the "third largest economy" if his party is re-elected in the general election, it will also mean greater pressure on India to take on a greater share of greenhouse gas mitigation responsibilities. This could mean advancing its net zero commitments from 2070 to 2050, as Mr. Guterres says, and generating fossil-free electricity by 2040. While these are the testy points on which climate negotiations hinge, the climate – it bears reminding – waits for nobody.

Charting the path for the Sixteenth Finance Commission

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Correcting excessive cesses, freezing the weight for income distance criterion, and sharper monitoring of fiscal deficit are the areas that need attention

The Sixteenth Finance Commission is due to be set up shortly. Many critical changes have taken place since the constitution of the Fifteenth Finance Commission in November 2017 that includes COVID-19 and the subsequent geopolitical challenges. The combined government debt-GDP ratio had also shot up close to 90% at the end of 2020-21. Many States show large fiscal imbalances too.

The vertical and horizontal dimensions

The Fourteenth Finance Commission had raised the share of States in the divisible pool of central taxes to 42% from 32%. This was revised to 41% when the number of States in India was reduced to 28. However, the Centre could manage the situation because of the withdrawal of Planning Commission grants as the Planning Commission was abolished. There may not be a strong case for recommending any further increase in the States' share of central taxes in view of the Centre's large fiscal imbalances. Alongside, a re-examination of the role of non-shareable cesses and surcharges is required.

During 2020-21 to 2023-24 (BE), the effective share of States in the Centre's gross tax revenues (GTR) averaged close to 31%, which was significantly lower than the corresponding share of nearly 35% during 2015-16 to 2019-20. This was due to the inordinate increase in the share of cesses and surcharges to 18.5% of the Centre's GTR during 2020-21 to 2023-24 (BE) from 12.8% during 2015-16 to 2019-20. This heavy reliance on cesses and surcharges requires scrutiny by the Sixteenth Finance Commission. One option is to freeze the share of cesses and surcharges to some base number.

In the period under the Thirteenth Finance Commission, this share was just 9.6%. Perhaps, a 10% upper limit of the share of cesses and surcharges as a percentage of Centre's GTR may be recommended. To make it biting, the share of States must be increased if the proportion crosses 10%. Thus, there will be one proportion, say 42%, if cesses and surcharges exceed 10%, and another share of 41% if they are 10% or below. The formula may be nuanced by the Sixteenth Finance Commission with the help of the latest data. An issue of concern in recent years has been the poor performance of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and the consequent decline in total divisible pool. Fortunately, this is not an issue now. GST collections have maintained good buoyancy in the last two years. GST still needs restructuring to make it a good and simple tax.

The share of individual States in the Centre's divisible pool of taxes is determined by a set of indicators that includes population, per capita income, area, and incentive-related factors such as forest cover and demographic change. In the case of per capita income, it is the distance of a State's per capita income from a benchmark, usually kept at the average per capita income of the top three States that is used as a determining factor. This distance criterion implies relatively larger shares for relatively lower income States. At present, it has the highest weight of 45% – it had an even higher weight previously. Many of the richer States have argued for a lowering of the weight given to this criterion.

However, due attention needs to be paid to the needs of the lower income States. These States are expected to provide a relatively larger share of 'demographic dividend' to India in future provided attention is paid to the educational and health needs of their populations. It may be useful to freeze the weight to distance criterion at the current level or even reduce it to 40%, but some upward adjustment in the resources transferred to the poorer States may be done through grants.

In fact, equalisation of the provision of education and health services should be prioritised in the overall scheme of resource transfers. Instead of using a large number of tax devolution criteria, the transfer of resources to individual States may be guided by the equalisation principle using a limited number of criteria such as population, area and distance, supplemented by a suitable scheme of grants. The equalisation principle is consistent with both equity and efficiency. It is used in federations such as Canada and Australia. The basic consideration of reflecting needs, costs of providing services, and equity considerations can all be reflected through these three criteria, provided there is more fine-tuning.

Recommendations

The debt-GDP ratio for the combined account of central and State governments had peaked at 89.8% in 2020-21, of which the Centre's debt-GDP ratio excluding any on-lending to the States amounted to 58.7%, and that of States was 31%. While these numbers have begun coming down, these are still considerably above the corresponding Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) norms of 40% and 20%, as in the 2018 amendment. In 2020-21, the Centre's fiscal deficit had shot up to 9.2% of GDP and that of States to 4.1%. In view of the large departures of the debt and fiscal deficit to GDP ratios from their corresponding norms and the reduction of the States' debt-GDP target to 20%, the 2018 amendment to the Centre's FRBM needs to be re-examined. This was also recommended by the Fifteenth Finance Commission.

The Twelfth Finance Commission had recommended a target of 28% consistent with an underlying nominal GDP growth of 12%. It is also clear that the adjustment needed for the central government is larger than that for State governments. At the same time, a few State governments appear to have relatively larger debt and fiscal deficit numbers relative to their GSDPs. In this context, two concerns appear: these relate to the proliferation of subsidies and the re-introduction of the old pension scheme in States without a clear identification of the sources of financing and the resultant fiscal burdens. Often, such subsidies are sought to be financed by raising the fiscal deficit.

Reforms worth pursuing

One innovation which may be relevant in this context is to set up a loan council, as recommended by the Twelfth Finance Commission. This independent body should oversee the loan magnitudes and profiles of the central and State governments. The Sixteenth Finance Commission should examine the subject of non-merit subsidies in detail. However, exclusion of 'unjustified' subsidies while determining grants may cause the Finance Commission to be caught in political crossfire.

At the same time, one cannot afford to be relaxed with respect to subsidies and fiscal deficit. The Finance Commission should be strict about States maintaining fiscal deficit within limits. It should provide carrots to States maintaining fiscal deficit (for example including fiscal performance as a criterion in horizontal distribution) and sticks for those that exceed fiscal deficit limits (by suitably acting on the extent of borrowing allowed).

A spectacle of 'repentance' and symbolic inclusion

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A critique of the ideological significance of a ritual of repentance performed by a top political functionary in Madhya Pradesh, and the nature of justice within its framework

A video clip of an upper caste functionary of the Bharatiya Janata Party indulging in indecorous behaviour – he was seen easing himself on a tribal man in Madhya Pradesh – that went viral after it was shared in early July, expectedly caused an uproar and led to protests in the State.

The government had to take action and it responded by invoking the National Security Act on the accused and bulldozing his home in an attempt to appear tough. But what caught the media attention, perhaps even more than the incident itself, was the 'spectacle', orchestrated shortly after the alleged incident, by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. In the full glare of the media, Mr. Chouhan performed the ritual of washing the feet of the victim.

The objectives of a 'ritual'

The spectacle was meant to serve two objectives. First, to create powerful "counter-optics" in response to the video clip. Second, it was supposed to be a public act of repentance for the atrocity. However, the public performance of the ritual has divided public opinion. While supporters of the regime including Ministers lauded the Chief Minister's act as one that restored the dignity of the victim, others dismissed it as a gimmick aimed at damage control in an election year.

The spectacle was not merely an electoral move. It has great ideological significance. The ritual asserted the ideal of *samarasta* or social harmony within the hierarchical caste-based Hindu social order. The concept of *samajik samarasta* or social harmony is unique to the ideological project of Hindutva and key to understanding its approach to the caste question.

It must be noted that while all other political projects anchor themselves within the concepts of equality (*samata*) or social justice (*samajik nyaay*), Hindutva is the only discourse which has chosen to develop an alternative conceptual vocabulary to address caste conflicts.

This innovation was necessitated by the need to balance the imperatives of uniting the hierarchical Hindu social order into an ethnicised whole while accommodating the claims of justice by the oppressed castes within a democratic context.

It is essential to critically examine the concept of *samarast*a to understand the ideological significance of the ritual that was performed by the Chief Minister and examine the nature of justice within its framework.

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) derives its ideological worldview on caste from the Arya Samaj movement. The RSS constructs a fictional past –much like the imaginary 'state of nature' of liberal contract theorists – when the caste system was merely a division of labour which allowed for social mobility. However, over time, it degenerated into an ossified and discriminatory structure. The RSS blames colonialism, Marxism and 'identity liberalism' for the degeneration.

Given the primacy of shoring up social power within the RSS's framework, they argue that the ills of the caste system can only be solved through social and not political action. Therefore, in this framework, fighting casteism is a matter of social reform and not justice. Politicising matters of caste conflict or undertaking caste-based mobilisation is considered undesirable as it undermines the goal of ensuring 'Hindu unity'.

An age-old dilemma

The fundamental shortcoming of this framework is that it restricts the impact of caste to the ritual realm and does not have adequate resources to address the pernicious consequences of caste within the secular realm, i.e. political, educational and economic sphere. This dilemma surfaced in B.R. Ambedkar's own career. He attempted to force the upper caste orthodoxy to engage in self-reflection and develop an internal moral critique through temple-entry movements and campaigns such as the Mahad Satyagraha. However, when those attempts failed, he shifted his political anchor from social reform to political justice by employing the language of rights to gain equality as citizens. He stopped appealing to the morality of the upper caste orthodoxy, and instead appealed to the rationality of the state to augment the power of the oppressed castes through political bargaining by ensuring representation.

It was this strategy of relocating the struggle against caste from the ritual to the secular realm and emphasising the political over the social which weakened the totalising grip of caste on society, and in turn facilitated ritual recognition as a matter of right. Reframing the discourse within the conceptual matrix of political power made the passage of protective and egalitarian pieces of legislations such as the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, the Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act and the Forest Rights Act possible.

A State that sees many atrocities

However, Hindutva does not possess the language of rights and equality. Therefore, while the symbolic acts of ritual elevation and inclusion may be morally important, they are inadequate because they are incapable of addressing the structural nature of caste discrimination by altering power relations. This is borne out from the case of Madhya Pradesh. The State has the dubious distinction of having the highest rate of atrocities against Adivasis.

Moreover, within days of the Chief Minister performing the ritual, a string of cases of atrocities against Adivasis and Dalits recurred in the State. Interestingly, this time around, none of the victims' feet were washed. It is apparent that *samarasta* or harmony offers only symbolic social inclusion and fictional harmony to the oppressed. In fact, the goal of harmony sans equality only serves the purpose of upholding the status quo of unequal power relations. Therefore, it is imperative to politicise caste; and interrogate it through assertions of equality and rights.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

India's China ties

There is a lack of transparency on the part of the government in power, on the Line of Actual Control tensions and India's relationship with China (Editorial, "Elusive consensus", July 28). The government only seems keen on projecting gestures of courtesy and other simple things as achievements by the government and the top leader — an example is the publicity around how "The Prime Minister of Australia calls the India leader 'Boss', the President of America telling him that he is 'globally powerful' and other utterances or gestures by other world leaders. What about sharing with the country what the reality is at the LAC? Or what the political stand of the government is? Are these not more serious matters? Many feel that the government is clueless about what is to be done.

M.D. Ravikanth,
Chennai

As a great power in the ascendancy, China, will, for all practical purposes, want to keep India occupied in its own neighbourhood so as to secure its own steady rise in the comity of nations. With the centre of gravity in international relations already shifting to the Indo-Pacific, India needs to have a consistent strategy in dealing with the rise of China.

A steady articulation of India's red lines with China, strengthening trade and diplomatic relations with like-minded ASEAN and BIMSTEC countries, taking unpopular but necessary steps to secure India's sovereignty, and being engaged at the diplomatic and military levels, are the steps to be taken. The Indian people need to be informed about what is happening. India can ill-afford to look weak and indecisive with its stated ambition of being a net security provider in the Indian Ocean Region.

Argha Mallick,
Kolkata

Draconian precondition

Nowhere in the world do awards to academicians, artists, scholars, scientists and others come with any riders, preconditions or any undertakings from the recipients. I refer to a parliamentary panel recommendation that award-winners 'sign an undertaking that they would not return their awards at any stage to protest any political incident' to avoid political embarrassment.

Will anyone with self-respect accept such a precondition?

Tharcius S. Fernando,
Chennai

Blame the parents

When there are complaints of children becoming screen zombies, who is to blame? Once back home from school, children are most often engaged in playing online games and gazing at mobile phone screens after borrowing the device from their parents. Children are not to be blamed for being glued to mobile screens. Parents are the spoilers.

K. Pradeep,
Chennai

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A Kuki-Zomi woman mourns her daughter's death, in Churachandpur district of Manipur. RITU RAJ KONWAR

In an armed conflict, the war on women

The horrifying sexual violence against Kuki-Zomi women by majority Meiteis, in Manipur's ethnic clashes between the two communities, has yet again woken the country up to the vulnerability of women's bodies during a conflict. **Alisha Dutta** speaks to survivors who tell tales of abuse by both men and women

Reina Haokip, 18, sits by her bedside and ticks the names of the medicines that she has had that day – a few multivitamins, iron capsules, and spoonsful of syrup. Haokip is at a training institute-turned-relief camp for displaced people of the Kuki-Zomi community, in Kangpokpi district, located north of Imphal in Manipur. The camp, which is surrounded by paddy fields on all sides, is now home to nearly 30 Kuki-Zomi families.

Haokip's days are mostly spent in tending to her wounds and trying to repress the terrible memories of May 15, when she was sexually assaulted by Meiteis. On some nights, she dreams of men holding a gun to her head, and wakes up screaming. While the wounds on her skin have nearly healed, the scars within remain, she says.

Like Haokip, many women have faced sexual violence in Manipur ever since ethnic clashes broke out between the Meiteis, who dominate Imphal Valley, and the Kuki-Zomis, who dominate the hill districts, on May 3. More and more such stories have been surfacing since July 19, when a video of tribal women being stripped and paraded by a mob in Thoubal district went viral on social media.

The incident that featured in the video took place on May 4 and sparked outrage across the country. It forced the Prime Minister to finally break his silence on the conflict. The Supreme Court took suo motu cognisance of the sexual assault and issued ultimatums to the Union and State governments to bring the perpetrators to book or to step aside and let the judiciary take action. Despite the Home Minister's visit to Manipur in the aftermath of the events of May, the State continues to be on the boil.

'They threatened to rape me'

Born and brought up in Imphal's New Checkon area – a mixed neighbourhood where Kuki-Zomis, Nagas, Meiteis, Nepalis, and other communities lived peacefully for years – Haokip never imagined that she would be brutally assaulted for her ethnic identity, and that too in this region.

Her voice a little more than a whisper, Haokip recalls that she was at her Kuki friend's place in a Pangal locality when violence broke out. (Pangal is a term historically used by the Meiteis to denote all Muslims.) "When my family fled Imphal, I couldn't leave with them," she says. For nearly a fortnight, she hid at her friend's place, located an hour away from home. She was confident that she would be safe as the Pangals were not involved in the violence.

From the world outside the safe house, her friend's Pangal husband would bring back essential items along with tales of atrocities. Nevertheless, Haokip kept faith in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led State government. "I kept believing that they would do something to control the situation. But when there were no signs of things getting better, my friends started worrying about their safety. That is when I decided to find a way to reach my family. Who wishes to invite danger towards their own friends?" she says.

> They threatened to kill me. They said that all Kukis will be hunted down
>
> **REINA HAOKIP**
> Survivor

Haokip decided to withdraw some cash for her journey. When she and her friend were on their way to an ATM in New Checkon, a group of Meitei men in a white Bolero and purple Swift surrounded them, she says.

"They asked us to show them our Aadhaar cards. They began hitting my friend for sheltering me. Then they started hitting me and swearing at me. They spared my friend, but forcefully pushed me into the Bolero and drove me to Wangkhei Ayangpeli, a Meitei-dominated locality (about 24 kilometres away)," she says.

The men continued to assault her inside the car, she recalls. "They threatened to kill me. They said that all Kukis will be hunted down," she says.

More people – men, and women dressed in *phanek,* a traditional Meitei sarong – joined her captors in Wangkhei Ayangpeli. The women were Meira Paibis, says Haokip. Meira Paibis or "women torch bearers", who are also known as mothers, are Meitei women from all sections of society in Imphal Valley. Meira Paibi is a loosely organised social movement that was formed in the 1970s to fight against alcoholism, drug abuse, human rights violations, and the assault of women. They are widely championed internationally for their non-violent methods.

"First, the Meira Paibis started hitting me. When I told them that I was a woman just like them, they started hitting me even harder," she says. "Then these women called a few more men. A group of armed men in black T-shirts with a logo arrived. They were part of Arambai Tenggol (an outfit consisting of Meitei Hindus). They instructed the men to kill me," she says.

Haokip rubs and folds her hands as she narrates the next part of her harrowing tale. The group blindfolded her, tied her hands, and took her to the Langol Hills in the northern part of Imphal. "They said that if I did not obey instructions, they would not spare me. They threatened to rape me," she says. A sobbing Haokip begged them to let her go. She was hit by the butt of a gun so badly that her eyes and ears began bleeding, she says. When she did not give in, the men began groping her.

After some time, Haokip lost consciousness. When she woke up, she found her pants undone. "It was nearly dawn when I woke up. I asked them if I could go relieve myself. They chuckled and said if that was my last wish, then so be it."

Removing her blindfold and undoing the cloth around her wrists, Haokip walked a short distance. From there she rolled down the hill. "I was covered in dirt, mud, and blood. A Pangal auto driver carrying vegetables found me. On seeing the white Bolero follow us, he took me to the nearest police station, the Bishnupur station. On seeing me stand in front of a police station, the group left," she says.

But Haokip asked the driver to drop her at New Checkon. "After all that the Meitei men did to me, how can I trust the Meitei police?" she says. T.T. Haokip, a politician associated with the Shiv Sena and a former MLA of the BJP, received her and took care of her. Haokip was treated at a hospital in Kohima, nearly 136 km from Imphal, before being reunited with her family.

While relieved that she is home, Haokip's family is also very worried. "She frequently gets nightmares and wakes up screaming," says her younger sister Dona Haokip, 16.

Kuki-Zomi women protest the violence against Kuki women in Churachandpur district of Manipur. RITU RAJ KONWAR

'My daughter can't be dead'

While Haokip is now at a relief camp far away from Imphal, many Kuki-Zomi women have not found a way back to their families.

Sitting inside a hamlet in Churachandpur, the epicentre of the conflict, Rosie Kipgen, 70, is glued to the family's walkie-talkie. Though she is normally not a fan of gadgets, Kipgen is now inseparable from the device. As phone connectivity is poor and the government banned Internet following the conflagration on May 3, most people depend on walkie-talkies to communicate.

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> **NANCY CHONGLOI**
> Mother of victim

Kipgen's daughter Mary is married to a Meitei man, Jacob Singh. On May 30, after days of being silent, the walkie-talkie buzzed. Singh was on the line. But the relief on finally hearing his voice dissipated quickly for the Kipgens as Singh sounded fearful. "He told me that the people in the Meitei relief camp in Kumbi, where they had taken refuge after fleeing from a village on the outskirts of East Imphal, were now growing suspicious about the identity of Mary," says Kipgen.

Whimpering, Kipgen recalls hearing her grandson crying, "Baba! Baba! The Manipur police commando is here, and they are looking for you!" The call got disconnected.

The Kipgens tried to establish contact once again. This time they heard Mary crying out for her mother. "She kept on begging them not to do it and to leave her alone," says Kipgen.

The next morning, Singh narrated to the family the events of the previous night. He said that at 9:30 p.m., the Manipur police commando had asked him where his wife was. "Scared, he pointed at my daughter. She was picked up by the Manipur Police commando without her consent," Kipgen says. Singh told the family that Mary was taken to an isolated place. She was later found dead, without clothes, on the road between Sugnu and Langingchin in Chandel district. "He told us that her body had been kept in the morgue of the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences in Imphal," whispers Kipgen.

The First Information Report filed by the family mentions murder, but the Kipgens allege that Mary was also brutally raped by the Manipur police commando. They are no longer able to reach Singh. Wiping her tears, Kipgen says, "My daughter can't be dead, right? How can people behave so brutally towards a woman?"

Other mothers whose daughters were allegedly sexually assaulted and murdered, are also in disbelief. Nancy Chongloi, a resident of Kangpokpi district who also lost her daughter to the ethnic clashes on May 5 in Imphal, is unable to comprehend the brutality. Her daughter Rosie Chongloi was one of the two Kuki-Zomi women who were attacked by a mob of men and women in a car wash in Imphal. It was Rosie's co-worker, present at the time of the assault, who informed the family of the incident. Meitei women assaulted the two women and then handed them over to the men, the co-worker told the family. The men allegedly sexually assaulted the two women and murdered them on the evening of May 5.

Nancy Chongloi is especially troubled by the savagery of the women. "How could the women in the mob hand over two young women to a large group of angry men?" she says, incredulous. "Whether Kuki-Zomi or Meitei, how can women do this to other women?"

Responding to the stream of allegations faced by the Meira Paibis, Ima Lourembam Ngambi, 72, one of the founding members of the group, says it is "extremely shameful how the men have been using the Meira Paibis as a tool in this war". Ngambi is one of the 12 women who staged a nude protest against the brutal killing and rape of Manorama Thangjam, 32, while in custody of the Assam Rifles in Manipur in 2004. Today, she goes back and forth in denying and condemning the recent acts.

Fear in camps

Meanwhile, the Kuki-Zomi women who have taken refuge in relief camps across the State are shaken and afraid. Nancy Touthang, 34, is a displaced Kuki-Zomi woman living in a camp in Kangpokpi with her family of four. She says she was able to bring very few of her belongings from Imphal to the camp. She and her husband have lost their means of livelihood. "I fled from Imphal and took refuge in this camp. I could have been one of those women who were sexually assaulted and killed," says Touthang. She cannot believe that she has been forced to leave her home, situated in the Chief Minister's constituency.

While Touthang was able to articulate her fear, Grace Ningombam, who has been at a relief camp in Churachandpur since May 28, cannot bring herself to put her grief into words. "I get goosebumps every time I think about these women, both young and old," she says.

"Many of these cases of sexual violence have surfaced after that video went viral," says a senior Kuki leader. "While the world is learning about how sexual assault is being used as a tool in this conflict, there are far more such cases which have gone unreported," she says.

The husband of one of the survivors of the viral video describes the lingering trauma of such incidents. "While it was already difficult for my wife to live with the memories of the assault, it has become even more difficult for her to live with the fact that so many people saw her being humiliated publicly," says the Kargil war veteran. "She has frequent nightmares. To get rid of the trauma, sometimes she tries ripping off her skin."

All names have been changed to protect identity

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SC asks to respond to plea on lynchings

The senior lawyer, appearing for the National Federation of Indian Women (NFIW), highlighted how the 2018 judgment of the top court in the *Tehseen Poonawala case* had foretold that lynchings and mob violence were "creeping threats" and need to be nipped in the bud.

Notice issued

The court had warned that the rising wave of frenzied mobs – fed by fake news, self-professed morality and false stories – would consume the country like a "typhoon-like monster". "We are issuing notice," the Bench told Mr. Sibal. The court asked the Home Ministry and heads of police forces of Maharashtra, Odisha, Haryana, Rajasthan, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh to respond to the petition.

On July 10, the top court, in a separate case, decided to take stock of what the Centre and State governments have done so far to punish lynchings, mostly spurred by communal hate, since its July 2018 judgment.

The judgment had condemned these "horrendous acts of mobocracy" as an anathema which requires a special law and punishment.

'Keeping literature on violence not a terror act'

The NIA had produced letters and statements, literature and books allegedly recovered from the residences of the two activists. The agency had claimed that these writings contained "extreme left-wing ideology and its application to India".

"There is nothing against the appellants to *prima facie* establish that they had indulged in the activities which would constitute overawing any public functionary by means of criminal force or the show of criminal force... Mere holding of certain literature through which violent acts may be propagated would not *ipso facto* attract the provisions of Section 15(1)(b) [terrorist act]," Justice Bose, who authored the judgment, held.

"Considering the fact that almost five years have elapsed since they were taken into custody, we are satisfied that the appellants have made a case for grant of bail," the judgment reasoned. Imposing bail conditions, the court directed them to surrender their passports.

Unsafe landings rise as IndiGo tries to cut costs

The regulator found IndiGo's reply unsatisfactory.

Responding to *The Hindu*'s query on the nature of deficiencies discovered, a senior DGCA official said, "As a company policy, the crew were asked to carry out flap 3 landing every time, which is not in line with the Airbus Flight Crew Operating Manual (FCOM) procedures."

A flap 3 landing, known as a soft landing, involves only three of the four flaps on the wing and produces less drag, as a result of which less fuel is burned than in a flap full landing, known as a hard landing. But during a flap 3 landing, the aircraft's nose is pitched slightly higher than in flap full, while its tail is down, therefore increasing the chances of a tail strike.

The Airbus A321, which was involved in the recent unsafe landing incidents, is longer than the A320 aircraft that dominate IndiGo's fleet, which means that the risk of a tail strike is higher.

Pilots at IndiGo have been told that a flap 3 landing could save the airline six kg of fuel per landing. Though Airbus doesn't prohibit flap 3 landings, they can be trickier for runways at an elevation such as those in Mumbai (50 feet), Delhi (800 feet), Bengaluru (3,000 feet) where there is a possibility of aircraft unable to land within the touchdown zone or overshooting the runway.

Some of the airline's pilots who spoke to *The Hindu* on the condition of anonymity said they preferred not to carry out a flap 3 landing because of the risks involved.

Wang Yi pledges to 'defend sovereignty'

Ananth Krishnan

China's top diplomat Wang Yi on Friday pledged to "firmly defend" China's sovereignty and security, in his first message after once again assuming charge as Foreign Minister in the wake of the shock removal of his predecessor.

The mystery over the removal of Qin Gang, only seven months into his tenure, deepened on Friday, when the Foreign Ministry, without explanation, restored Mr. Qin's past speeches and statements that had been scrubbed from the website earlier this week. Asked about the erasure and restoration, Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning asked the media to not "over interpret" the changes on the website that was being "updated".

On Friday, the website showed Mr. Wang as the new Minister along with a message from the veteran diplomat, who is returning to a position he held until last year, when he was promoted to the Politburo and to the party's Central Foreign Affairs Commission office, which he will continue to head. For a second day, questions about Mr. Qin raised at the Ministry's daily press briefing were not included in the official transcript released later in the day.

Defeat Bills on floor of House, Pralhad Joshi tells Opposition

Minister responds to Opposition charge that government was taking up legislative business at a time when the no-confidence motion was pending; LS passes Mines and Mineral Amendment Bill

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi on Friday challenged the Opposition members in the Lok Sabha to defeat government Bills on the floor of the House if they believe they have the numbers to do so.

Mr. Joshi's remark came in response to the Opposition's charge that it was a violation of rules to push through the government's legislative agenda before taking up the no-confidence motion that was moved by Congress Deputy Leader of the Lok Sabha Gaurav Gogoi.

Though there is no official word on it, sources indicated that the debate could start by next Wednesday or Thursday once Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla finalises the date after following the convention of consulting the Prime Minister, who is also the Leader of the House.

As soon as proceedings started at 11 a.m., the Opposition members were on their feet demanding an immediate discussion on the no-confidence motion against the Modi government.

Bone to pick: Pralhad Joshi speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Monsoon Session of Parliament, in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

"Don't you want to allow the House to function? Question Hour, where the government replies to the questions of the members, is very important," Mr. Birla told the Opposition members.

Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury then recalled a 1978 no-trust motion against the Morarji Desai government when the Chair started the debate the same day the no-trust motion notice was received.

'Show numbers'

Hitting back, Mr. Joshi said everything was happening as per procedure and the debate on a no-confidence motion could be started within 10 days. "We have the numbers with us. If you have the numbers, defeat our Bills," Mr. Joshi said.

As protests and sloganeering continued, the Speaker adjourned the House till noon. When the House resumed, the Lok Sabha passed three Bills, including the Mines and Mineral Amendment Bill, amid protests and sloganeering.

The government also listed its legislative business for the next week. Earlier, Mr. Joshi told reporters that legislative business could not come to a standstill because of the no-confidence motion.

The Minister also questioned the visit of the delegation of Opposition members to Manipur over the weekend to express their solidarity with the people of the State.

"Let them go. What ground zero report? We are ready to place everything on the floor of the House if they allow discussion. If they want to discuss, if they want the truth to come out, then there is no better place than the floor of the House," Mr. Joshi said.

Improving quality: The Bills are aimed at repealing two existing acts and bringing healthcare to global standards. G. RAMAKRISHNA

2 health Bills passed without debate in LS

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha on Friday passed two key health Bills – the National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023 and the National Dental Commission Bill, 2023 – without debate, amid uproar by the Opposition members.

The National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill seeks to repeal the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947 and set up the National Nursing and Midwifery Commission (NNMC).

According to the Indian Nursing Council records, till 2022, there were around 33.41 lakh nursing personnel registered in the country.

The Bill seeks to provide for regulation and maintenance of standards of education and services by nursing and midwifery professionals, assessment of institutions, maintenance of national and State registers and creation of a system to improve access, research and development along with the adoption of the latest scientific advancement in the nursing and midwifery profession.

The National Dental Commission Bill seeks to repeal the Dentists Act, 1948 to regulate the profession of dentistry, provide quality and affordable dental education, and make accessible high-quality oral healthcare. According to government data, the country has 2.89 lakh registered dentists.

Disquiet over Sharad Pawar sharing stage with Modi on Aug. 1

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

At a meeting of the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) in Parliament on Friday, many leaders flagged Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) patriarch Sharad Pawar's scheduled event in Pune on August 1 where he is set to share the stage with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

They expressed concern that it would be bad optics for the coalition at a time when they are locked in a head-on battle with the government, demanding a statement from Mr. Modi on Manipur violence.

Mr. Modi is slated to be conferred the Lokmanya Tilak National Award in Pune, which is organised by the Lokmanya Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust. Mr. Pawar will be the chief guest at the ceremony.

Informed sources said that one of the leaders from a regional party broached the issue first and it led to a lot of disquiet with members expressing disappointment.

Many others suggested that Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge or any other leader should speak to Mr. Pawar to dissuade him from participating in the event. NCP's Rajya Sabha member Vandana Chavan was the only representative from the party at the meeting, who did not comment on the issue.

It is learnt that a top leader commented, "We can awaken those who are sleeping, but can we awaken those who are pretending to sleep?"

Full attendance

Not only Manipur, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders pointed out that the Delhi services Bill, which is slotted for Monday in the Lok Sabha, could be moved in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, and for the Opposition to defeat the Bill, it needs to have full attendance.

They said Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal would urge Mr. Pawar to skip the award function to remain in Delhi for the vote. The Opposition has decided to suspend its protest to debate the Bill.

Meanwhile, as the Opposition awaits the no-confidence motion that the Congress moved in the Lok Sabha to which Mr. Modi is expected to reply, the Trinamool Congress is likely to move a resolution on the subject in the West Bengal Assembly. It will be the first non-BJP-ruled State to do so.

Rajya Sabha adjourned for the day after spat between Dhankhar, Derek O'Brien

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha functioned for less than 30 minutes on Friday and was abruptly adjourned for the day after an altercation between Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar and Trinamool Congress leader Derek O'Brien.

Informing the House that he had received 47 notices under Rule 267 to discuss Manipur, Mr. Dhankhar said he had already admitted the subject for discussion for a short duration. He also chided the members, saying their behaviour was "worisome and alarming". He asked members of the Opposition benches to "rise above partisan interests" and allow a short-duration debate.

According to the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States, Rule 267 relates to suspension of rules. A short-duration discussion, on the other hand, is a brief discussion not exceeding two-and-a-half hours under Rule 176.

"Everyday, including the last session and the session before that, we had a number of notices under 267. If I go into the precedence of it, in this century, in the last 23 years, the House is fully aware how many such notices have been admitted," he said.

AAP MP Sanjay Singh with SP MP Jaya Bachchan during a protest at Parliament House Complex on Friday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Mr. Dhankhar said Question Hour was at the heart of parliamentary working and should not be disrupted. Mr. O'Brien hit back, saying, "We are aware of this." He asked the Chairman to consider the motion under Rule 267 moved by the Opposition parties.

Mr. Dhankhar asked him to listen for better understanding. Mr. O'Brien stood up waving the rule book in his hand and thumping at his desk. The Chairman asked him to take his seat. "Mr. Derek O'Brien, it has become your habit to engage in theatrics. Every time you rise, you think it is your prerogative. The minimum thing which you can exemplify is to show respect to the Chair. If I am saying something, you rise and create theatrics," he said.

The Trinamool leader objected to his actions being termed theatrics, calling it "unparliamentary". "Don't thump the table. Don't thump it. It is not theatrics," he said. "We will not tolerate this. I am sorry."

As Mr. O'Brien continued to make his point, the Chairman adjourned the proceedings for the day. Before doing so, Mr. Dhankhar said he would call the leaders of political parties. "We can't suffer this," he said, adjourning the House for the day.

Debate on Delhi services Bill likely on Monday

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bill to replace the Union government's Ordinance promulgated for the creation of an authority to effect transfers and postings of Group-A officers in Delhi will be taken up next week, Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal informed the Lok Sabha on Friday. Mr. Meghwal, who is also the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, said this while sharing the list of scheduled business for next week. Though the Minister did not mention a day, the Bill is likely to be taken up on Monday in the Lok Sabha.

The said Ordinance facilitated the setting up of a National Capital Civil Service Authority (NCCSA) for the transfer of and disciplinary proceedings against Group-A officers from the DANICS (Delhi, Andaman Nicobar, Dadra & Nagar Haveli Civil Service) cadre.

The Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government, however, had challenged the Ordinance on the ground that it violated the May 11 order of the Supreme Court which had given them the control over services in Delhi, excluding police, public order and land.

Bill proposes President as Visitor to all IIMs; experts fear impact on autonomy

A. M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan introduced the Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill in the Lok Sabha on Friday which proposes to make the President the Visitor to all IIMs.

The Bill proposes to amend the IIM Act of 2017 so that the Visitor can nominate the Chairperson of the Board of Governors of IIMs. It empowers the Centre to constitute an interim Board in case of suspension or dissolution of the Board of Governors.

At present, the Board selects the Chairperson. Experts said the amendments will have an impact on the autonomy of the IIMs and they will be governed the way Central universities are governed. The Bill also proposes to change the National Institute of Industrial Engineering, Mumbai as the Indian Institute of Management, Mumbai.

As per the Statement of Objects and Reasons of the Bill, Section 10 of the present Act would be amended to provide that "the Chairperson of the Board of Governors shall be nominated by the Visitor and to empower the Central government to constitute an interim Board in case of suspension or dissolution of the said Board of Governors". A new Section, 10A, would be added so that the President is the Visitor to every institute.

Prior approval

Section 16 of the Act will be amended to provide more powers to the Visitor in the appointment of IIM Directors. The Board will now have to take the prior approval of the Visitor to appoint a Director. The Director will be appointed out of the panel of names recommended by a search-cum-selection committee. The Board, with prior approval of the Visitor, may remove the Director and the Visitor can also terminate the Director.

Section 17 of the Act, which gives powers to Board for initiation of inquiry against the Director, has been deleted in the Bill. Section 29 of the present Act on "Coordination Forum of the Institute" will also be amended.

'No proposal to amend anti-defection law'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal on Friday told the Lok Sabha that there was no proposal to amend the anti-defection law.

Mr. Meghwal's written response was to an unstarred question from BJP memebr Dharmendra Kashyap on whether the government proposes to strengthen the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution.

"There is no proposal to amend the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of India, i.e., the anti-defection law," Mr. Meghwal said.

The Tenth Schedule provides for the prevention of defection of elected and nominated members from a political party, and contains stringent provisions for curbing the menace of legislators switching over to other parties.

In July last year, at a meeting of presiding officers chaired by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, no consensus could be reached on amending the law.

Mr. Birla had stated that Constitution experts, legal scholars and other stakeholders would be consulted on the matter.

India, Japan will work to strengthen 'peacetime cooperation': Jaishankar

The Minister was responding to a question on how the two countries would cooperate in case of a conflict in Taiwan Strait, or between India and China at the LAC; visiting Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi stresses strong bilateral ties

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Friday said India and Japan would rather work to strengthen their "peacetime cooperation", side-stepping a question about how the two countries would cooperate in case of a conflict in the Taiwan Strait, or between India and China at the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Speaking at an event in Delhi along with visiting Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi, he said the two countries were "natural partners" in facing the challenges of a "future world order".

"It is actually the peacetime cooperation, which is when you are tested," Mr. Jaishankar said in response to a question from Japanese newspaper *Nikkei* about what kind of "wartime cooperation" could be expected from India in case of a war in the Taiwan Strait, in a reference to any possible Chinese military action against Taiwan.

"I would say for us the challenge is that we work every day in every possible way to strengthen our cooperation, whether it's in economics, supply chains, digital domain or critical technologies and also in maritime security," he expanded. He added that by strengthening "peace, stability and security" in the region, India and Japan could ensure that "many of the worst fears" would not be realised.

Boosting ties: S. Jaishankar and Japanese Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi at the India-Japan Forum, in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

To a question on what Japan's reaction to a conflict on the India-China border or in the Indo-Pacific would be, Mr. Hayashi, however, was more direct.

"We are already doing some cooperation in the security sphere, such as in January," he said, referring to India-Japan military and maritime exercises that included the first-ever joint fighter exercise in January. He said strong bilateral ties and more people-to-people cooperation would increase stability in the region. "On top of that there is defence cooperation, and that will be working against any of those scenarios in the future," he said.

During heightened U.S.-China tensions in the Taiwan Strait after U.S. Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taipei in August 2022, India had issued its own statement urging "restraint", but had not joined the Quad partners U.S., Japan and Australia Foreign Ministers in a statement demanding that China cease military exercises in the Taiwan Strait.

Through the LAC standoff between the Chinese PLA and the Indian Army since April 2020, New Delhi has also made it clear that it hopes to resolve issues with Beijing "diplomatically" and bilaterally, indicating India's preference for a less strategic posture within the Quad.

'Exemplar moderniser'

In his address to the two-day India-Japan Forum organised by the Ananta Centre and the External Affairs Ministry that included diplomats, academics and businesspersons, Mr. Jaishankar praised Japan for being an "exemplar moderniser" that is a role model for India. He also credited Japan with several industrial "revolutions" in India, including the introduction of the Maruti-Suzuki collaboration for a passenger car, Metro rail services in various Indian cities, and high-speed rail projects like the under-construction, but much-delayed Mumbai-Ahmedabad Shinkansen project.

Mr. Jaishankar met Mr. Hayashi on Thursday and held the 15th annual India-Japan Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue where the two sides recommitted to a 5-trillion yen target for Japanese investment in India in the period 2022-2027.

Speaking at the Forum on Friday, Mr. Hayashi said Japan's new Indo-Pacific policy, unveiled by Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, also had a special focus on ties with India, including projects in third countries like Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. The Japanese Foreign Minister was in India as part of a six-nation tour to South Asia and Africa, and is travelling to Sri Lanka and Maldives followed by South Africa, Uganda, and Ethiopia. He said Japan was keen to align its G-7 presidency goals with that of India's G-20 priorities, including the need to involve the Global South.

"Unless we keenly listen to the voices of the 'Global South' and show our commitment to cooperation on urgent issues facing these countries, our appeal for upholding the free and open international order based on the rule of law may sound like a mere slogan," Mr. Hayashi said.

Has LAC dispute been resolved, asks Cong. on Modi-Xi meeting

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday asked the Union government whether a consensus has been reached on the border dispute between India and China.

The question came a day after the External Affairs Ministry said that more than "mere courtesies" were exchanged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Bali last November.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh also asked whether Chinese troops from Depsang and Demchok in Ladakh will now be withdrawn.

"Ever since Prime Minister's public clean chit to China on June 19th, 2020, the Modi government has been acting as if it is being tough on China, and that there have been no compromises or meaningful conversations between PM Modi and President Xi Jinping while Chinese troops remain in violation of previous LAC agreements," Mr. Ramesh said.

Jairam Ramesh

"On July 27, our Ministry of External Affairs confirmed that more than mere courtesies were exchanged at Bali. Is this a consensus or a concession by PM Modi? Will Chinese troops finally withdraw from Depsang and Demchok where they have blocked Indian patrols for more than three years," he asked.

Manipur row: SC to hear Professor's plea on July 31

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear on July 31 a plea moved by a Hyderabad University Professor and academic, Kham Khan Suan Hausing, to quash the summons issued and criminal proceedings initiated against him by a Manipur Court shortly after his interview to a news portal.

The petition said the Imphal East Chief Judicial Magistrate had summoned Professor Hausing to appear before his court on July 28 from Hyderabad.

Professor Hausing is accused of offences including promoting enmity, making false declarations, outraging religious feelings, among others, under the Indian Penal Code.

The petition said the summons were issued despite the communal tension and disturbance in Manipur.

BSP names candidates for Rajasthan election

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

Taking a lead over other political parties, the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) on Friday announced candidates for three seats in the upcoming Rajasthan Assembly election.

The three constituencies are situated in Dholpur and Bharatpur districts in eastern Rajasthan. The BSP had won two of the seats in the 2018 election.

BSP State president Bhagwan Singh Baba said the party will field Ritesh Sharma from Dholpur, Khurshid Ahmed from Nagar and Khem Karan Touli from Nadbai.

Judges appointed to H.P., Telangana HCs

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Law Ministry on Friday notified appointment of judges to Himachal Pradesh and Telangana High Courts and elevation of 15 additional judges as permanent judges across five High Courts.

While the Himachal Pradesh High Court got three fresh appointments as judges, for the Telangana High Court, three additional judges were appointed.

Additional judges were made permanent judges in Bombay High Court, Gauhati High Court, Calcutta High Court, Kerala High Court and Chhattisgarh High Court.

Manipur video opens new front in Net ban debate

NEWS ANALYSIS

Abhinay Lakshman
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NEW DELHI

The May 4 video from Manipur showing two Kuki-Zo women being stripped and paraded by a mob, which went viral, has opened a new front on the debate over the fight against Internet shutdowns. Opponents of shutdowns, such as civil rights groups, now argue that on top of having a massive effect on work, education, and daily life, shutdowns can prevent information on atrocities from being discovered.

Security forces and experts have, however, arrived at a completely opposite conclusion: to them, the video, which went viral two months after it was recorded, vindicates the need for "calibrated and nuanced" shutdowns in such situations "limited in time period and space", as their dissemination could further inflame the situation.

To rights groups like the New Delhi-based Internet Freedom Foundation (IFF) and the Software Freedom Law Center (SFLC), which have always held that blanket communications shutdowns are a disproportionate measure, the viral video cements the case against imposing such restrictions. The video shows "how Internet shutdowns, instead of curbing spread of violence, are in fact a tool that helps evade accountability for heinous human rights violations", the IFF said in a statement.

A retired police officer told *The Hindu* that while

Opponents argue that shutdowns can prevent information on atrocities from being discovered

Internet shutdowns cannot be "ham-handed", there is a special need to stop such videos and content from spreading, as it is resulting in retaliatory violence and then leading to an escalating spiral.

"The touchstone for this is the interest of the public. The public is supposed to be informed; everything should be transparent. But whether this transparency is going to further ignite the situation is the question. The video may be fake or true. Irrespective of that, if it is capable of inflammatory or incendiary potential, I think it should be taken down because it is likely to lead to greater problems and does not help the public," he said.

However, the officer acknowledged that this works only when authorities are actively trying to control the law and order situation. He said that in the interest of transparency, the information can then be released to the public in a controlled and calibrated manner "at a later stage".

On misinformation

But amid this, as far as Manipur is concerned, a lot of the misinformation being spread and consumed within the State is coming from traditional local media (television and newspapers). Once published, these are reaching people through channels other than the Internet, albeit slower than if the Internet was freely made available.

The tension between the real-time documenting of the situation on ground in Manipur and the ramifications it could have within the State is defined by another complication: the SFLC has argued that the availability of connectivity defines the response of society, and in the absence of this connectivity, the situation in Manipur could stay on the boil.

"The fact that an event that occurred on May 4 in the State has now been taken cognisance by the apex court on July 20 shows how the reporting of events has been hampered by the shutdown, thereby preventing appropriate responses from the various arms of the government and civil society," the SFLC said.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CONVENING 57th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THROUGH VC / OAVM

Notice is hereby given that, the 57thAnnual General Meeting **("AGM")** of the members of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited **("Company")** will be heldon Tuesday, the 22nd August, 2023 at 03:30 p.m. (IST) through Video Conferencing **("VC")** / Other Audio-Visual Means **("OAVM")**, in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules notified thereunder and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with all applicable circulars on the matter issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs **("MCA")** and the Securities and Exchange Board of India **("SEBI")** to transact the business set out in the notice calling the AGM.

The VC / OAVM facility for the meeting shall be provided by KFin Technologies Ltd. **("KFTL")**, to transact the business set out in the Notice convening the AGM. The members can attend and participate in the AGM only through VC / OAVM as no provision has been made to attend the AGM in person. The attendance through VC / OAVM will be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum for the AGM.

In compliance with the MCA & SEBI Circular(s), the Notice setting out the business to be transacted at the AGM together with the Integrated Annual Report of the Company for the year 2022-23is being sent electronically to those members whose email addressis registered with the Company / Depository Participant(s). No physical copies of the Notice and the IntegratedAnnual Report would be sent to any member. The Notice of the AGM and the IntegratedAnnual Report will also be available on the Company's website at www.cpcl.co.in and on the website of the Stock Exchanges, i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.comand www.nseindia.com, respectively, and on the website of KFTLat https://evoting.kfintech.com.

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Members will have an opportunity to cast their vote(s) on the business as set out in the Notice of the AGM through remote e-voting facility ("remote e-voting"). The facility for e-voting will also be made available during the AGM to those members who could not cast their vote(s) through remote e-voting. The detailed procedure for e-voting before as well as during the AGM is provided in the Notice of the AGM.

Members may send their requests for Change / Updation of Address, Email address & Nominations:

- **For shares held in dematerialized form** - to their respective Depository Participant
- **For shares held in physical form** - to the RTA, M/s. KFin Technologies Limited, Selenium, Tower B, Plot No.31 & 32, Financial District, Gachibowli, Hyderabad – 500032 or at the registered office of the Company

Members are requested to carefully read all the notes set out in the Notice of the AGM and in particular, instructions for joining the AGM and manner of casting vote through remote e-voting and e-voting at the AGM.

Shareholders may note that the Income Tax Act, 1961, ("the IT Act") as amended by the Finance Act, 2020, mandates that dividend paid or distributed by the Company on or after April 01, 2020 shall be taxable in the hands of shareholders. The Company shall therefore be required to deduct tax at source ("TDS") at the time of making the payment of final dividend. To enable us to determine the appropriate TDS rate as applicable, shareholders are requested to submit relevant documents, as specified in the below paragraphs, in accordance with the provisions of the IT Act.

For Resident Shareholders, taxes shall be deducted at source under Section 194 of the IT Act, as follows –

Shareholders having valid Permanent Accounting Number (PAN)	10%* or as notified by the Government of India
Shareholders not having PAN / valid PAN	20% or as notified by the Government of India

* As per the Finance Act, 2021, Section 206AB has been inserted effective July 1, 2021, wherein higher rate of tax (twice the specified rate) would be applicable on payment made to a shareholder who is classified as 'Specified Person' as defined under the provisions of the aforesaid Section.

* As per Section 139AA of the IT Act, every person who has been allotted a PAN and who is eligible to obtain Aadhaar, shall be required to link the PAN with Aadhaar. In case of failure to comply with this, the PAN allotted shall be deemed to be invalid / inoperative and he shall be liable to all consequences under the IT Act and tax shall be deducted at the higher rates as prescribed under the IT Act.

However, no tax shall be deducted on the dividend payable to a resident individual shareholder if the total dividend to be received by them during Financial Year 2023-24 does not exceed Rs.5,000/- and also in cases where shareholders provide Form 15G / Form 15H (Form 15H is applicable to resident individual shareholders aged 60 years or more) subject to conditions specified in the IT Act. Resident shareholders may also submit any other document as prescribed under the IT Act to claim a lower / Nil withholding of tax. PAN is mandatory for shareholders providing Form 15G / 15H or any other document as mentioned above.

For non-resident shareholders, taxes are required to be withheld in accordance with the provisions of Section 195 and other applicable sections of the IT Act, at the rates in force. The withholding tax shall be at the rate of 20%** (plus applicable surcharge and cess) or as notified by the Government of India on the amount of dividend payable. However, as per Section 90 of the IT Act, non-resident shareholders have the option to be governed by the provisions of the Double Tax Avoidance Agreement (DTAA), read with Multilateral Instrument (MLI) between India and the country of tax residence of the shareholders, if they are more beneficial to them. For this purpose, i.e., to avail the benefits under the DTAA read with MLI, non-resident shareholders will have to provide the following:

- Copy of the PAN card allotted by the Indian income tax authorities duly attested by the shareholders or details as prescribed under rule 37BC of Income tax Rules, 1962.
- Copy of Tax Residency Certificate for the financial year 2023-24 obtained from the revenue or tax authorities of the country of tax residence, duly attested by shareholders.
- Electronic Form 10F as per notification no. 03/2022 dated July 16, 2022 issued by the Central Board of Direct Tax [Notification can be read under notification-no-3-2022-systems.pdf (incometaxindia.gov.in). Form 10F can be obtained electronically through the e-filing portal of the income tax website at https://www.incometax.gov.in/iec/foportal
- Self-declaration by the shareholders of having no permanent establishment in India in accordance with the applicable tax treaty
- Self-declaration of beneficial ownership by the non-resident shareholder
- Any other documents as prescribed under the IT Act for lower withholding of taxes if applicable, duly attested by the shareholders.

In case of Foreign Institutional Investors ("FII") / Foreign Portfolio Investors ("FPI"), tax will be deducted under Section 196D of the IT Act @ 20% ** (plus applicable surcharge and cess) or rate provided in relevant DTAA, read with MLI, whichever is more beneficial, subject to the submission of the above documents, if applicable.

**As per the Finance Act, 2021, Section 206AB has been inserted effective July 1, 2021, wherein higher rate of tax (twice the specified rate) would be applicable on payment made to a shareholder who is classified as 'Specified Person' as defined under the provisions of the aforesaid section. However, in case a non-resident shareholder or a non-resident FPI / FII, the higher rate of tax as mentioned in Section 206AB shall not apply if such non-resident does not have a permanent establishment in India.

The aforementioned documents are required to be mailed to the RTA at the mail id mohsin.mohd@kfintech.com or to the company at mail id investors@cpcl.co.in on or before August21st, 2023. Shareholders are requested to visit https://cpcl.co.in/investors/share-holder-information/investor-relations/ for more instructions and information on this subject. No communication would be accepted from shareholders after August 21st, 2023 regarding tax-withholding matters. Shareholders may write to mohsin.mohd@kfintech.com / investors@cpcl.co.in for any clarifications on this subject.

TDS certificates in respect of tax deducted, if any, can be subsequently obtained by mail to the e-mail ids mohsin.mohd@kfintech.com / investors@cpcl.co.in. Shareholders can also check their tax credit in Form 26AS from the e-filing account at https://www.incometax.gov.in/iec/foportal or "View Your Tax Credit" on https://www.tdscpc.gov.in.

The 57th AGM Notice will be sent to the shareholders in accordance with the applicable laws on their registered email id in due course.

For Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited
Sd/-
P. Shankar
Company Secretary
M.No. A7624

Place : Chennai
Dated : 27th July, 2023

INBRIEF

SC orders withdrawal of Look Out Circular against MP, wife

The Supreme Court on Friday ordered withdrawal of the Look Out Circular (LOC) issued against Trinamool Congress MP Abhishek Banerjee and his wife Rujira in connection with the money laundering cases against them linked to an alleged coal smuggling scam in West Bengal. The Enforcement Directorate, which the top court had pulled up at the last hearing for issuing LOC against the couple, told a Bench of Justices S.K. Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia that necessary orders will be issued to facilitate their travel abroad if they inform the agency a week in advance. Advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the duo, had argued that the MP was scheduled to go abroad on July 26 for medical reasons. PTI

Woman killed by cousin for refusing marriage in Delhi

A 22-year-old woman was allegedly killed by a 28-year-old man with an iron rod in broad daylight inside a park in south Delhi's posh Malviya Nagar area on Friday. According to the police, the man, identified as Irfan, was the girl's first cousin and was angry over the girl's family turning down his marriage proposal. The victim was identified as Nargis. Deputy Commissioner of Police (south district) Chandan Chowdhary said the police pinned down on the accused through technical surveillance after which he surrendered. Delhi Commission for Women Chairperson Swati Maliwal issued a notice to the Delhi Police seeking an action taken report.

CBI court acquits Chhota Rajan in 1997 murder case

A special Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) court on Friday acquitted gangster Chhota Rajan in a case related to the 1997 murder of trade union leader Datta Samant for want of evidence. Special judge B.D. Shelke said there was nothing on record to prove that Rajan had hatched the conspiracy. "The material witnesses have turned hostile. They do not support the case of the prosecution. The testimony of other witnesses is not sufficient to prove the charges against the accused," the court said. Despite the acquittal, the gangster will not be released from jail as he is facing trial in dozens of cases in various cities.

Two arrested for raping 10-year-old girl in M.P.

Two employees of a temple were arrested on Friday for raping a 10-year-old girl at Maihar in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh. She was being treated at a government hospital in Rewa and was said to be stable. According to Sub-Divisional Police Officer (Maihar), Lokesh Dabar, the girl left home around 3 p.m. on Thursday following which her family initiated an unsuccessful search. "Early in the morning, she returned home on her own and told her parents about her ordeal," said Mr. Dabar. The family then filed a police complaint and a case was registered under the relevant Sections of the Indian Penal Code and the POCSO Act.

Modi says India can become hub of chip-making industry

PM makes strong pitch to global investors at 'Semicon India' conclave; U.S. semiconductor firm AMD announces plans to invest around $400 million in the country over the next five years

Mahesh Langa
GANDHINAGAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said India would emerge as a global hub of semiconductor and chip-making industry, as he made a strong pitch to global investors, while inaugurating the 'Semicon India 2023' conclave in Gujarat.

"Earlier, people were questioning our aim to make chips and were asking 'why invest in India'. Now, the question has changed to 'why not invest' in India," the PM said, adding the country was rolling out a red carpet to investors in the sector.

"India understands that semiconductors are not just a national need but a necessity for the world," Mr. Modi said, adding that attracting global players to set up their plants and supply chain network in the country is one of the top priorities of his government.

The second edition of 'Semicon India' is being held in Gandhinagar in the presence of leaders and representatives from various global semiconductor companies and start-ups. The three-day summit will conclude on Sunday.

Vocal for local: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other dignitaries at 'Semicon India 2023', in Gandhinagar on Friday. ANI

'Reforms undertaken'

"To expedite growth of the semiconductor sector in the country, we are continuously undertaking policy reforms and also working with partner countries for a comprehensive road map for semiconductor industry," he said while listing the reform measures and tax incentives the government offers to the companies wanting to set up their factories in the country.

Mr. Modi also highlighted Internet penetration and fibre infrastructure in the country, availability of talent, huge market, besides a friendly and attractive corporate tax system. He also underlined the political stability in the country.

In his speech, the Prime Minister touched upon the rapid development driven by India's future aspirations, citing the reduction in extreme poverty and the widespread availability of affordable data connectivity which has reached even remote places in the country.

According to him, the country has made huge progress in the electronic manufacturing sector which has grown from $30 billion to over $100 billion, and talked about rising electronic manufacturing exports from the country and the presence of more than 200 mobile manufacturing units in India.

$400-mn investment

At the 'Semicon India' conference, U.S. chipmaker Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) announced plans to invest around $400 million in the country over the next five years and build its largest design centre in the tech hub of Bengaluru.

The conference was attended by the top representatives from major companies such as Micron Technology, Applied Materials, Foxconn, SEMI, Cadence, and AMD.

Taiwan-based Foxconn chairman Young Liu said the company was focusing on India for its plant. "I can feel the determination of the Indian government. I am very optimistic of where it's headed," he said in his speech.

Need legally binding instrument to end plastic pollution: PM

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Mr. Modi said India was one of the top five countries in terms of installed renewable energy

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday called on the G-20 nations to work constructively for an effective, international legally binding instrument to end plastic pollution.

He was addressing the G-20 Environment Ministers' Meeting here through videoconference. Detailing India's progress with regard to the climate action plan or the 'Nationally Determined Contributions' (NDCs), Mr. Modi said the country achieved its installed electric capacity from non-fossil fuel sources nine years ahead of the target of 2030. He said India was one of the top five countries in the world in terms of installed renewable energy capacity and added that the country had set a target of attaining 'Net Zero' by 2070.

Mr. Modi stressed the need to enhance action on commitments under the 'UN Climate Convention' and the 'Paris Agreement' to help the Global South fulfil its developmental aspirations in a climate-friendly way.

Referring to the 'Small Island States' as 'Large Ocean Countries', Mr. Modi said the oceans were a crucial economic resource for them while also supporting the livelihoods of over three billion people across the globe. He stressed the importance of responsible use and management of oceanic resources.

Conservation initiatives

Mr. Modi said 70% of the world's tigers were found in India as a result of 'Project Tiger'. He said work was under way on 'Project Lion' and 'Project Dolphin'.

Underlining that India's initiatives were powered by people's participation, Mr. Modi said under Mission Amrit Sarovar, more than 63,000 waterbodies were developed in just about a year. He also credited community participation in the Namami Gange Mission, which has resulted in the reappearance of the Gangetic Dolphin in the river.

SC refuses relief to Umar Ansari in hate speech case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to grant any relief to gangster-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari's younger son, Umar Ansari, in a hate speech case.

A Bench led by Justice Hrishikesh Roy said Umar would have to face trial. The court declined to quash the case.

Advocate Nizam Pasha, for Umar, said his client was only a "young boy". He was merely present on the dais and did not make the hate speech. The case was registered in Mau during the Assembly elections in 2022. "You have to be careful choosing the company you keep... You have to face trial," Justice Roy addressed Mr. Pasha.

Umar was booked along with his elder brother Abbas Ansari, who won the election from Mau Sadar seat.

Land-use changes putting rocky addresses of animals under stress in Sahyadri plateau

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

The rapid shift from traditional local grain cultivation to monoculture plantations of mango and cashew in the Sahyadri plateaus of Maharashtra is impacting elusive amphibians, insects, and reptiles that live under a crop of loose rocks.

A team of five scientists upturned more than 7,000 rocks over a considerable period of time to find out how animals ranging from ants to snakes are responding to land-use changes in rocky habitats. Their study has been published in the *Global Ecology and Conservation*, a peer-reviewed international journal.

The study was carried out by Vijayan Jithin, Manali Rane, Aparna Watve, Varad Giri, and Rohit Naniwadekar representing Nature Conservation Foundation-India (NCF), Bombay Environmental Action Group (BEAG), and the Ahmedabad-based Reliance Foundation.

A saw-scaled viper under an upturned rock. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The animals the scientists focused on included the white-striped viper gecko (*Hemidactylus albofasciatus*) reported only from small parts of the Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts of Maharashtra, the Seshachari's caecilian (*Gegeneophis seshachari*), a unique legless amphibian that mostly lives under soil, the saw-scaled viper (*Echis carinatus*), ants, spiders, and scorpions.

The loose rocks shelter these animals - some endemic and threatened - from scorching heat during summer and heavy monsoon rains. They have evolved to survive on the rocky plateaus, but their adaptability to changing conditions may not be enough for the pace of shift in the land-use pattern.

"The rapidly changing agricultural trends in the rock outcrops include abandoning traditional local grain cultivation, and establishing monoculture plantations of mango and cashew by destroying the natural plateaus," Ms. Rane, the co-author of the study and a researcher at BEAG said.

Baseline established

"More intensive studies are needed to understand how the socio-ecological impacts of traditional paddy abandonment benefits an amphibian, while orchards impact other animals negatively in rock outcrops," Ms. Rane added.

The rapid expansion of mango orchards has resulted in the conversion of more than 25,000 hectares of lateritic plateaus.

"We found less than 30 animals under more than 7,000 rocks on multiple plateaus we surveyed, indicating their rarity. Given their rarity and vulnerability to change due to ever-increasing orchards, representative plateau habitats need to be preserved in partnership with local communities who are the owners of the land," Dr. Naniwadekar of NCF said.

"Many of the animals we recorded under the rocks are very poorly known, and we do not know how their disappearance from the plateaus impacts the ecosystem services they provide to us. Since many of these animals are unique, and sensitive to the changes we make on the plateaus, even removing a rock can have cascading impacts on biodiversity," Mr. Jithin, the lead author of the study, said.

By comparing the lesser-known rock-dwelling animal communities in plateaus, abandoned paddy fields and orchards, the team established the baseline for their conservation. "The data generated from the study could help conserve the plateaus as biodiversity heritage sites," Mr. Jithin said.

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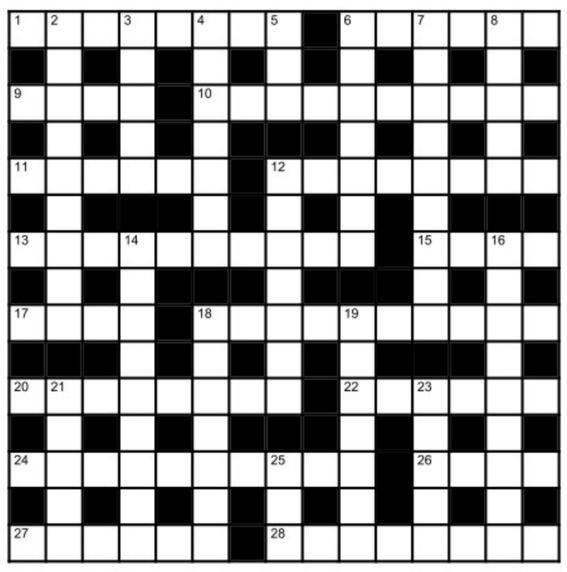

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1 Quietly turned shy around female wearing scent (8)
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9 Bug likes unevenly peeled fruit (4)
10 Delhi's shaken after short protest is crushed (10)
11 Heavy food rejected, say... (6)
12 Predict food/beer cut (8)
13 Spies pip Secretary Eve, frequently a source of spicy stuff (6,4)
15 American author wanting a mate (4)
17 Composer skips popular buffet (4)
18 Chaps from India matter — in short, I should be given a shot, no? (10)
20 A lobster pickle suitable for the pantry (8)
22 Tastes salty sandwiches after turning over money (6)
24 Bad co-stars wrecked shows (10)
26 Staple paper at its tip; cool? (4)
27 Company's authorization, that is! (6)
28 A couple of males — traditional and right-wing, basically — but like powerful women (8)

Down

2 Half a quarter divided by ten at first, that is! (9)
3 Fired up or burned out? (5)
4 How I might clue each July/August? (3-4)
5 Note: setter is not very bright (3)
6 Pour drinks, pal — missing a binge (7)
7 Tiny cyst I (by stitching up) conceal (4-5)
8 State must make dough (5)
12 Castle in Paris — one's treasure (7)
14 Book store circumvents copyright on book (9)
16 Indicate foul by mid-fielder #15 (9)
18 Eclectic brunch from the south regularly seen in workplace (7)
19 Passage of time managed to settle ... (7)
21 ... body ache in part of the foot, for Spooner (5)
23 Motor's overstressed (5)
25 Ponder inconclusively about problem (3)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Muharram, a sacred month

Muharram is the first month of the Islamic lunar Hijirah calendar (*Hijirah*). The Prophet (Peace be upon him) began his migration on that day, thereby giving the name *Hijiri* to the calendar, to the city of Yathrib, later renamed as Madinat Al Nabawi or the City of the Prophet. Muharram means Forbidden. Even before Islam, this month was always known as a sacred month in which all unlawful activities were forbidden, said Syed Meeran in a lecture.

Muslims see the tenth of Muharram as the day in which God saved Moses and his people from the Pharaoh and thus they demonstrate their gratitude by fasting. It is also one of the four sanctified months.

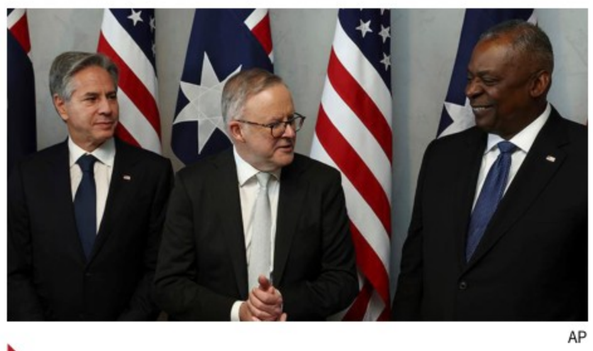
After Ramadan, Muharram is the most superior of months as God revealed to Moses, "Order your people to gain proximity to Me in the first 10 days of Muharram." The Prophet said, "The Prophets before Islam used to fast on the day of *Ashura* [Tenth of Muharram], so you should also fast on this day."

Another significance of *Ashura* is the martyrdom of Imam Hussain, the son of Imam Ali, the cousin and son-in-law of the Prophet and the fourth Caliph of Islam and for Shiite Muslims, the first Imam of the community. Hussain's martyrdom provides an example of selfless sacrifice in the cause of God's justice in the face of human oppression. This event took place around 50 years after the passing of the Prophet.

Thus the "Month of God" of Prophets and celebrated heroes and martyrs, Muharram continues to be one of the most significant month in terms of worship and obeying God.

CANBERRA

U.S. stands with countries against China's 'bullying behaviour': Austin

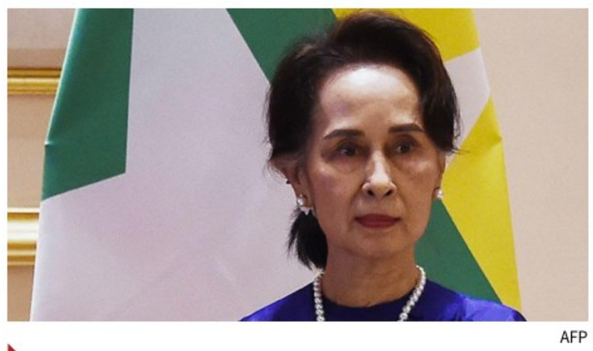


AP

Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin said the U.S. stands with countries fighting Chinese "bullying behaviour" as he launched bilateral talks in Australia aimed at countering Beijing's growing influence in the Indo-Pacific region. Secretary of State Antony Blinken is also accompanying Mr. Austin to Australia. AP

YANGON

Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi moved from prison: party official



AFP

Myanmar civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who was ousted in a 2021 military coup, has been moved from prison to a government building, an official from her party said. The official also said Suu Kyi met the country's lower house speaker Ti Khun Myat and was likely to meet Deng Xijuan, China's special envoy for Asian Affairs. AFP

SEOUL

Kim oversees N. Korea military parade with new drones, ICBMs

AFP

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un oversaw a military parade featuring new attack drones and Pyongyang's nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missiles. Attended by Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and China's Li Hongzhong, the event was held to mark the 70th anniversary of the Korean War armistice. AFP

WAD MADANI

Sudan paramilitary chief demands exit of Army staff to restore peace

REUTERS

The head of Sudan's paramilitary Rapid Support Forces demanded that his foes in the Army general staff step down to allow fighting to end. General Mohamed Hamdan Daglo told regular Army troops that peace could be restored "within 72 hours" if they handed over their commander General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and his aides. AFP

Hong Kong court turns down govt. plea to ban protest song

Glory to Hong Kong was written during the mass protests against the Chinese government in 2019; the ban, if it had gone through, would have had far reaching implications, say critics

Associated Press
HONG KONG

A Hong Kong court rejected a government-requested ban on broadcasting or distributing the protest song *Glory to Hong Kong*, in a landmark decision that rejected a challenge to freedom of expression in the city.

The song was written during the mass protests against the government in the Chinese territory in 2019 and its lyrics call for democracy and liberty. The song has since been mistakenly played at several international sporting events instead of China's national anthem, *March of the Volunteers*.

Judge Anthony Chan refused to grant the ban, which would have targeted anyone who uses the song to advocate for the separation of Hong Kong from China. In seeking the court order, the government also sought to ban actions that use the song to incite others to commit secession and to insult the national anthem, including such acts carried out online.

Surprise relief: Journalists stand outside the High Court in Hong Kong on Friday. AFP

Critics had said a ban would have a far-reaching impact on the city's freedoms of expression and information. But some analysts cautioned the court's refusal to grant the order would not mean foreign tech giants could let down their guard from now on, saying political challenges surrounding their operations in the financial hub still linger.

Hong Kong, a former British colony, returned to Chinese rule in 1997 and was promised that it could keep its Western-style civil liberties intact for 50 years after the handover. But a Beijing-imposed National Security Law and other changes since the 2019 protests have shrunk the openness and freedoms that were once hallmarks of the city.

Government's reasons

The city's secretary for justice sought the injunction last month after the song was mistakenly played as the city's anthem at international events.

The Hong Kong government has tried to push Google to display China's national anthem as the top result in searches for the city's anthem instead of the song but to no avail.

Google told the government to present a court order proving the song violated local laws before it could be removed. The government, therefore, decided to deal with the matter by legal means, .

Army general declares himself leader of Niger

Agence France-Presse
NIAMEY

Niger's putschists named an Army general as the new leader of the unstable jihadist-hit nation on Friday, the third day since elected President Mohamed Bazoum was detained.

Former colonial master France said hours earlier that it did not consider the coup "final", adding there was time for plotters to heed international calls to leave democratically-elected Mr. Bazoum in office.

But General Abdourahamane Tchiani, head of the Presidential Guard since 2011, read a statement on national TV as the "president of the National Council for the Safeguard of the Homeland".

The general presented the coup as a response to "the degradation of the security situation" linked to jihadist bloodshed.

French President Emmanuel Macron described the events in Niamey as a coup affecting the wider

Abdourahamane Tchiani

Sahel region as Western powers scramble to preserve a key ally in the insurgent-stricken region.

Macron's reaction

"This coup is completely illegitimate and profoundly dangerous, for Nigeriens, for Niger and for the whole region," Mr. Macron said, calling for Mr. Bazoum's release.

General Tchiani said that while Mr. Bazoum had sought to convince people that "all is going well... the harsh reality (is) a pile of dead, displaced, humiliation and frustration".

"The security approach today has not brought security to the country despite heavy sacrifices," he said.

Mr. Bazoum and his family have been confined since Wednesday morning to their residence at the presidential palace located within the Guard's military camp.

He is said to be in good health and has been able to talk by telephone to other heads of state including Mr. Macron.

The Guard's chiefs staged the coup and on Thursday they won broad Army support.

Armed forces chief General Abdou Sidikou Issa swung his weight behind the putschists saying it was "in order to avoid a deadly confrontation".

The latest target of a coup in Africa's turbulent Sahel, Mr. Bazoum has tried to stand his ground as condemnations swelled from across the world.

"The hard-won (democratic) gains will be safeguarded," Mr. Bazoum said on Twitter, which is being rebranded as X.

Trump faces fresh charges in secret files case

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

Former U.S. President Donald Trump faced new charges on Thursday in a case accusing him of illegally possessing classified documents.

The prosecutors have alleged that he asked a staffer to delete camera footage at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Florida, in an effort to obstruct a federal investigation into the records.

The new indictment includes extra charges of obstruction and willful retention of national defence information, adding fresh detail to a criminal case issued last month against Mr. Trump and a close aide.

The Florida charges came as a surprise at a time of escalating anticipation of a possible additional indictment in Washington over his efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election.

Putin 'studying' Africa's bid to end Ukraine war

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Moscow is "carefully" examining proposals made by some African leaders to end the conflict in Ukraine. "We respect your initiatives and we are examining them," Mr. Putin said on the second day of a Russia-Africa summit. The summit comes after Russia pulled out of a deal to allow Ukrainian grain exports through the Black Sea.

Singapore hangs woman for 'drug trafficking'

Associated Press
KUALA LUMPUR

Singapore conducted its first execution of a woman in 19 years on Friday and its second hanging this week for drug trafficking despite calls for the city-state to cease capital punishment for drug-related crimes.

Activists said another execution is planned next week.

Saridewi Djamani, 45, was sentenced to death in 2018 for trafficking about 31 grams of diamorphine, or pure heroin, the Central Narcotics Bureau said.

Singapore's laws mandate the death penalty for anyone convicted of trafficking more than 500 grams of cannabis and 15 grams of heroin.

Djamani's execution came two days after that of a Singaporean man, Mohammed Aziz Hussain, 56, for trafficking around 50 grams (1.7 ounces) of heroin.

COCHIN PORT
कोचिन पत्तन प्राधिकरण
Cochin Port Authority
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
(ESTATE DIVISION)
COCHIN-9
E-mail: secretary@cochinport.gov.in

E-TENDER NOTICE

Lease of A-19 plot (22.3513 ha) in W/Island for Commercial/ Hospitality activities for a period of 30 years. For details contact undersigned or visit www.mstcecommerce.com/ www.cochinport.gov.in

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (CIVIL), IDCO, IDCO TOWER, BHUBANESWAR
Tender Call Notice No.: HO/CIVIL/T&E/E-4940/04/2023 23213, Dt. : 26.07.2023
NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT
Name of the Work : Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Stage Light, Stage Drapery and Audio-Visual system with provision for operation & comprehensive AMC for 05 years for Auditorium of Kalamandal, Bhubaneswar.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
		From	To
1	2	3	4
CGM (Civil), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Janpath, Bhubaneswar.	CIVIL/EST/13/2023-24	from 17.00 Hours of dt. 01.08.2023	to 17.00 Hours of dt. 16.08.2023.

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal www.tendersodisha.gov.in.Corrigendum or Addendum, if any will not be published in newspapers and can be seen in e-Procurement portal as well as in IDCO website.
CAD-1468 Sd/- Chief General Manager (Civil), IDCO, Bhubaneswar OIPR-14003/11/0147/2324

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala)
Corporate Identification Number (CIN) : U40109PB2010SGC033813;
website: www.pspcl.in; e-tendering portal: https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
Contact No.: 96461-19383, 96461-11036
Tender Enquiry No. QQ-245/PO-C Date 28/07/2023
Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd Floor Multistorey Building, The Mall Road, Patiala, invites E-tender of 15600 Km ACSR Weasel, Nominal Aluminium area 30 mm² bearing ISI/PQM Mark conforming to IS:398 Part-II 1996 (with Latest amendments, if any) and PSPCL specification QQ-245.
For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 01.08.2023 from 11:00 AM onwards.
Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
C-490/23 76155/12/1978/2023/26334

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, वृत भीलवाड़ा
क्रमांक : टीएस/ एफ. 81/ 2023-24/ डी-5843 दिनांक :- 19.07.2023
अल्पकालीन ई-टेण्डरिंग निविदा सूचना संख्या: 06/2023-2024
NIB Code :- PWD2324A1832
राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से बजट घोषणा संख्या 94 वर्ष 2023-24 के अनुसार नॉन पेचेबल / मिसिंग लिंक योजना एवं डीएमएफटी योजना के तहत सड़क निर्माण कार्य सड़क निर्माण कार्यों मय पांच वर्ष की मरम्मत एवं संधारण की अवधि के लिए उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राजस्थान सरकार / केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों / केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/ डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग / रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से कार्यों हेतु ई-टेण्डरिंग के माध्यम से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कुल 18 पैकेजों की जिनकी कुल लागत 4113.08 लाख है दिनांक 31.07.2023 तक प्राप्त की जावेंगी। निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण वेबसाईट http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in पर देखा जा सकता है। कार्यवार यूबीएन नं. निम्नानुसार हैं।
NIB Code :- PWD2324A1832 UBN No :- PWD2324WSOB08633, PWD2324WSOB08635, PWD2324WSOB08636, PWD2324WSOB08638, PWD2324WSOB08642, PWD2324WSOB08643, PWD2324WSOB08644, PWD2324WSOB08646, PWD2324WSOB08648, PWD2324WSOB08649, PWD2324WSO808651, PWD2324WSOB08652, PWD2324WSOB08654, PWD2324WSOB08656, PWD2324WSOB08657, PWD2324WSOB08659, PWD2324WSOB08661, PWD2324WSOB08662,
DIPR/C/10891/23 अधीक्षण अभियंता सा.नि.वि.वृत भीलवाड़ा

Government of Odisha - "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
Bid Identification No.C.C.E.K.C., Keonjhar No. 16 / 2023-24
e-mail : ccekeonjharpwdcircle@gmail.com / sekcpwd_keonjhar@yahoo.com
Letter No.3618, dt.17.07.2023

1. Name of the work	:-	Improvement to Bhasma-Abenkela road from 0/000 km to 4/500 km (except 0.040 km to 0.160 km) in the district of Sundargarh under State Plan for the year 2023-24.
2. Estimated cost	:-	Rs.383.24 Lakhs
3. Class of Contractor	:-	"A" Class
4. Period of completion	:-	09 (Nine) Calendar Months
5. Date and Time of availability of Bid document in the portal	:-	From 11.30 Hours of 27.07.2023 to 16.00 Hours of 10.08.2023.
6. Last date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal	:-	16.00 Hours of 10.08.2023
7. Date of opening of Bid from Portal	:-	11.30 Hours on 11.08.2023
8. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid	:-	Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar-758001.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://tendersodisha.gov.in"
Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar.
B-540: OIPR-34033/11/0033/2324

JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) –U40109RJ2000SGC016483,
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (RA&C) Regd. Office : New Power House, Jodhpur- 342003,
E Mail : xenredsmjdvvnl@gmail.com, seracommlju@gmail.com, Website : http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
E-tenders in two parts (Techno-commercial bid & Price bid) are invited from eligible bidders for design, survey, supply, installation, testing, commissioning, operation & maintenance for 25 years from COD of grid connected solar power plants through RESCO mode, its associated 33kV or, 11kV line to connect the plant with various 33/11 kV Sub-Stations and remote monitoring system (RMS) of solar power plants under KUSUM Scheme-Component C (Feeder level solarization) in various sub-divisions of Bikaner circle against TN-DSM-37 and TN-DSM-38 (UBN No. JVV2324WL0B00318 to UBN No. JVV2324WL0B00319).
All the details regarding tender is available at web site http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in vide NIT No. JDVVNL / SE(RA&C) / TN-DSM-37 and NIT No. JDVVNL/SE(RA&C)/TN-DSM-38.
In future any other notices/information regarding corrigendum/extension, if any, shall be published only at web site http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.
Raj.Samwad/C/23/6522 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (RA&C)
बिजली संबंधी शिकायतों के लिए टोल फ्री नम्बर 1800 180 6045

मुख्य निर्माण यन्त्रीक कार्यालय, ग्रामीण निर्माण मण्डल, बरहमपुर
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR
(E-Mail:- serwbpr2004@yahoo.com; Tel/Fax :- 0680-2404287)
At:-Ambapua, Po:-Engineering School Near Income Tax Office, Berhampur-760011
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
Bid Identification No. Online Tender/23-2023-24/BPR

Identification No.	Name of work	No. of Works	Approx. Estimated Cost (In lakh)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion
Online Tender / 23-2023-24/ BPR	Buildings Works (Construction Multi Purpose Hall (MPH) in different ULBs	01 No	Rs. 610.00 lakhs	"A" Class & "Special" Class as applicable	06 (Six) Calendar Month as provided

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding	
		From	To
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Berhampur.	Online Tender /23-2023-24/BPR	01.08.2023 at 10.00 A.M.	16.08.2023 upto 3.00 P.M.

(i) EMD / Bid Security, Cost of Bid document is to be transferred through Online as per the procedure mentioned in the DTCN.
(ii) Non-submission of the information/documents through online by the bidder as per the items mentioned in the eligible criteria of the DTCN will also liable for rejection of his tender.
Further details & Corrigendum if any can be seen from the website: - www.tendersodisha.gov.in
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Berhampur
O-502: OIPR-25071/11/0026/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA - DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER & BASIN MANAGER, SUBARNAREKHA & BUDHABALANGA BASIN, AT/PO:- LAXMIPOSI, DIST:-MAYURBHANJ. Mail id : cebmsbb2019@gmail.com
Government of Odisha "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Bid Identification No.- 10 /23-24 of CEBM, SBB, Laxmiposi

1.	Name of Work	A. Construction of Rupsa Distributary from RD 00 m to RD 2930 m including all structure, CC lining and service road.
		B. Raising and strengthening of Panchuapada to Kasafala saline embankment.
		C. Construction of Raikama Minor from RD 1985M to RD3270M & its Sub-Minor system including all structure, CC lining and service road
2.	Estimated Cost	A. Rs.3134.97 Lakh; B. Rs.1837.15 Lakh ; C.Rs.1774.92 Lakh
3.	Bid Security / E.M.D.	A. Rs.31,35,000/- ; B.Rs.18,37,200/- ; C.Rs.17,75,000/-
4.	Period of Completion	24 (Twenty Four) Calendar Months
5.	Class of Contractor	For 1. A.:"Special" Class and "Super" Class & 1.B &1.C:- "A" Class and "Special" Class
6.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	02.08.2023 at 10.00 A.M.
7.	Last date / time for receipt of bid in the portal	29.08.2023 up to 5.00 PM.
8.	Date & time for Pre-Bid Conference	For S.I. No.1.A :- 17.08.2023 at 11:30 A.M.
9.	Date of Opening of bid	31.08.2023 at 11:00 A.M.
10.	Name & Address of the O.I.T.	Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, O/o the CE&BM, Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin, Laxmiposi, Mayurbhanj

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal "https://tendersodisha.gov.in".
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager,
Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin, Laxmiposi, Mayurbhanj
A-383: OIPR-32074/11/0021/2324

PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT
Uttarakhand Disaster Preparedness & Resilience Project (U-PREPARE)
4TH Floor, DDPM Tower, Haridwar Bypass Road, Ajabpur Khurd, DEHRADUN
Website: www.ukdisasterrecovery.in; E-Mail pd.udrpaf@gmail.com,
Mob. No. 8272020702
Ref. No.: 359/Gen/UGRIDP/2023 Date: 28/07/2023
NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS
The Government of India has applied financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the UGRIDP/UPREPARE and intends to apply part of the proceeds for following packages of Goods. Hence Bids are invited for the following Packages and the bid documents of which, can be downloaded from the website https://uktenders.gov.in. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be downloaded by interested eligible bidders from the website https://uktenders.gov.in which will be available from 04/08/2023 to 19/09/2023. Bids must be submitted online on the website https://uktenders.gov.in on or before 12:00 PM, 19/09/2023. Bids will be opened on 19/09/2023 at 3:00 PM.

S. No.	Package No.	Name of Package
1	01/USDMA/SEOC/UGRIDP/2023	SITC of ICT Networking Equipments for USDMA Building
2	02/USDMA/SEOC/UGRIDP/2023	SITC of ICT Hardware, Software & Workstations for USDMA Building
3	04/USDMA/SEOC/UGRIDP/2023	SITC of Audio Visual (AV) Equipment for USDMA Building

Note:-
1. The corrigendum for the above packages will be uploaded on website www.uktenders.gov.in & www.ukdisasterrecovery.in
2. Email id procurement.ugridp@gmail.com may be contacted for any information related to the bids.
3. The tenders may be found under the organization name:- PD (PMU, Uttarakhand Green Resilient & Inclusive Development Project) on the website www.uktenders.gov.in
Program Director

INBRIEF

U.S. chipmaker AMD to invest $400 mn in India, says CTO

U.S. chipmaker Advanced Micro Devices (AM) on Friday announced a $400-million investment in India over the next five years and said it will build its largest design centre in Bengaluru. AMD chief technology officer (CTO) Mark Papermaster made the announcement at the annual semiconductor conference in the presence of PM Narendra Modi. India is luring prospective chipmakers into the country to reduce reliance on expensive imports and dependence on Taiwan and China. The government has offered $10 billion in fiscal incentives for units setting up chip-making factories in the country. PTI

'Micron to create 'ready-to-ship' semiconductor chips'

Micron on Friday reaffirmed its commitment to establish India's first semiconductor plant in Gujarat, creating 5,000 direct jobs and addressing demand from domestic and international markets. "Our team here in Gujarat will transform DRAM and NAND products... into finished component packages, memory modules and solid-state storage drives ready to ship to end customers in India and across the world," President and CEO of the American chip maker, Sanjay Mehrotra, said at the SemiconIndia 2023. Sophisticated chips are part of everyday life, used in mobile phones and cars. PTI

'TTK Healthcare shares will continue to remain listed'

City-based TTK Healthcare Ltd. said its shares will continue to remain listed on major bourses for trading. Recently, the promoters, holding about 74.56% of share capital, made a bid to buy back up to 25.44% shares from the public through a reverse book-building process with a view to voluntarily delist the company's shares from the exchanges. But the promoters were able to acquire only 87% of the shares against the delisting norms of 90%. Hence, the equity shares tendered were processed to be released on July 26. Shares of the company gained ₹10.30, or 0.88%, to close at ₹1,185.55 on the BSE on Friday.

Govt. allows Indian companies to list on foreign exchanges through IFSC

Finance Minister also launches a clearing mechanism and a market development fund to help in the development of a vibrant corporate bond market in India; The fund will be equipped with ₹33,000 crore to help stabilise the debt market

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Union Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday said that Indian companies could now directly list their shares on foreign exchanges operating at the GIFT City-based International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in Gujarat.

"I had said in May 2020 that direct listing of securities by public Indian companies would be permissible in foreign jurisdictions. Now I am pleased to announce that the government has taken a decision to enable direct listing of listed and unlisted companies on the IFSC exchanges," Ms. Sitharaman said.

"This is a major step forward to enable Indian companies to access global capital at better valuations," she added.

The Finance Minister was in Mumbai to inaugurate a Limited Purpose Clearing Corporation (LPCC) mechanism called AMC Repo Clearing Ltd. (ARCL) and the Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF) which will help in the development of a vibrant corporate bond market in India. The FM had made an announcement on this during her budget speech of 2021-22.

The LPCC has been set up with the purpose of clearing and settling corporate bond repo transactions and to develop an active repo market. This is expected to improve liquidity in the underlying corporate bond market. The LPCC will allow market makers to access cost-effective funding for their inventory, bondholders to meet their short term liquidity needs without having to liquidate their assets, and entities with short term surpluses to deploy their funds in a safe and efficient manner.

Market backstop

In times of market dislocation, CDMDF will have access to capital worth ₹33,000 crore to purchase and hold eligible corporate debt securities from participating investors (i.e., specified debt-oriented MF schemes to begin with) and to sell these securities as markets recover.

Ms. Sitharaman said that the lack of a central counterparty had been cited as one of the reasons for the failure of a market for repo transactions in corporate bonds to take off.

Listing reforms

Indian firms have been permitted to directly list their shares in foreign exchanges operating at the IFSC in GIFT City, Gujarat

- Both listed and unlisted Indian companies will be able to access global capital through the IFSC
- The FM launches a mechanism and a fund to foster an active repo market for corporate bonds in India
- Lack of a central counterparty restricted market for corporate repo transactions, Ms. Sitharaman says

U.S. annual inflation slowed in June; Q2 labour costs cool

Reuters
WASHINGTON

U.S. annual inflation logged its smallest increase in more than two years in June, with underlying price pressures moderating, a trend that, if sustained, could push the Federal Reserve closer to ending its fastest rate hiking cycle since the 1980s.

The improving inflation environment was underscored by other data showing labour costs rose at their slowest pace in two years in the second quarter as wage growth cooled. Easing inflation has raised cautious optimism of a 'soft landing' rather than a recession that most economists have predicted.

"The Fed must make more progress, but inflation rates are falling, which at the margin reduces the likelihood of a September rate hike," said Conrad DeQuadros, senior economic advisor at Brean Capital.

The PCE price index advanced 3.0% in the 12 months through June, the smallest annual gain since March 2021.

Bank of India Q1 net almost trebles on asset quality

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Bank of India reported net profit for the June quarter almost trebled year-on-year to ₹1,551 crore on improved asset quality.

Net Interest Income (NII) increased by 45% to ₹5,915 crore while Net Interest Margin (global) improved by 49 basis points.

Gross NPA ratio slid by 263 bps while net NPA ratio shrank by 56 bps YoY. Provision Coverage Ratio improved by 156 bps.

While global deposits climbed by 8.71%, gross advances increased by 8.48%. The bank said its slippage ratio improved to 0.53% in Q1FY24, against 0.69% in the year-earlier period.

Indian Oil turns a Q1 net of ₹13,750 crore on positive margins

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) on Friday reported a first-quarter net profit of ₹13,750 crore, the highest in a decade, bouncing back from the year-earlier period's loss as margins on petrol, diesel turned positive on softer oil prices.

Standalone net profit of ₹13,750.44 crore in April-June compared with a loss of ₹1,992.53 crore in Q1 FY23, according to IOC's filing to stock exchanges.

Profit was almost 37% higher than ₹10,058.69 crore in the preceding quarter and more than half of the refiner's record annual profit of ₹24,184.10 crore logged in FY22.

IOC posted a profit of ₹14,513 crore in January-March 2013 after it received fuel subsidy for more than one quarter during that period.

Margins on petrol and diesel turned positive following softening of international oil prices in the June quarter, but pump rates were not revised, and the firms recouped losses.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	66,160	-0.16
US Dollar	82.18	-0.32
Gold	60,250	-0.58
Brent oil	83.82	-0.15

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2463.20	34.80
Adani Ports	755.70	6.95
Apollo Hosp	5346.95	131.45
Asian Paints	3390.70	21.30
Axis Bank	949.95	-9.95
Bajaj Auto	4892.50	41.50
Bajaj Finserv	1584.85	-29.70
Bajaj Finance	7381.60	97.50
Bharti Airtel	895.10	-0.05
BPCL	373.45	-5.80
Britannia Ind	4903.35	29.95
Cipla	1177.80	6.35
Coal India	227.10	-1.95
Divis Lab	3739.05	-2.85
Dr Reddys Lab	5583.00	76.00
Dummy - Jio Financial Services Ltd.	261.85	0.00
Eicher Motors	3355.20	27.30
Grasim Ind	1823.80	1.30
HCL Tech	1103.55	-13.80
HDFC Bank	1643.50	-29.65
HDFC Life	659.30	-3.15
Hero MotoCorp	3172.50	35.55
Hindalco	451.50	0.10
Hind Unilever	2584.60	14.75
ICICI Bank	996.20	5.95
IndusInd Bank	1401.95	-13.65
Infosys	1340.50	-12.65
ITC	468.45	3.40
JSW Steel	804.15	10.40
Kotak Bank	1876.85	3.10
L&T	2649.55	-10.65
LTIMindtree Ltd.	4844.05	-18.40
M&M	1467.80	20.40
Maruti Suzuki	9670.30	-83.30
NestleIndia	22480.90	155.60
NTPC	210.00	8.05
ONGC	171.80	0.80
PowerGrid Corp	258.20	7.50
Reliance Ind	2527.85	25.15
SBI Life	1289.75	-6.75
State Bank	616.05	-0.50
Sun Pharma	1138.55	3.60
TataConsumerProduct	859.35	9.30
Tata Motors	635.30	-8.40
Tata Steel	120.60	0.80
TCS	3355.40	-41.50
Tech Mahindra	1091.05	-8.85
Titan	2987.00	-15.10
UltraTech Cement	8306.75	18.50
UPL	625.15	-1.60
Wipro	398.75	-1.20

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 28

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.05	82.37
Euro	90.32	90.67
British Pound	105.57	105.99
Japanese Yen (100)	58.97	59.20
Chinese Yuan	11.47	11.51
Swiss Franc	94.52	94.90
Singapore Dollar	61.65	61.90
Canadian Dollar	62.04	62.29
Malaysian Ringitt	18.01	18.09
Australian Dollar	54.71	54.93

Source:Indian Bank

Nestle to expand

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Nestle India plans to invest ₹4,200 crore by 2025, the FMCG company's CMD Suresh Narayanan said.

Our made-in-India chip will be ready in 2.5 years: Agarwal

Press Trust of India
GANDHINAGAR

> India is wooing chip and display makers with a $10-bn incentive plan, making a determined push to position itself as a global powerhouse for chip making

Vedanta group chairman Anil Agarwal on Friday said the first phase of its semiconductor project will involve $5 billion investment of the overall $20-billion outlay, and the venture will be ready with its made-in-India chip in two-and-a-half years.

Vedanta is talking to three firms to rope them in as technology partners for its plans entailing foundry, chip manufacturing, packaging and design.

The first phase of semiconductor investment will be to the tune of $5 billion, which is being structured.

'Good cash flow'

"Vedanta has good cash flow, we will make capital allocation in Vedanta and there is queue of people to give us equity and debt... but we want the tie-ups to be in place first, and have the ecosystem," Mr. Agarwal told reporters at the SemiconIndia 2023 event.

After parting ways with Foxconn on semiconductor joint venture, Vedanta has made it clear it remains committed to building India's first semiconductor and display fabs at Dholera Special Investment Region in Gujarat, and substantial progress has been made in tie-ups with technology and equity partners.

Both Foxconn and Vedanta have now decided to apply for India chip-making incentives separately.

Foxconn said it is working on plans to apply for sops under the semiconductor and display-fab programme, as the contract manufacturer pledged its commitment to India.

The Taiwanese electronics giant said it has been actively reviewing landscape for optimal partners.

India is wooing semiconductor and display makers with a $10-billion incentive scheme, making a determined push to position itself as a global powerhouse for chip making.

Fostering local industry

Sophisticated chips are part of everyday life, used in mobile phones to refrigerators and cars to high-tech industries, and so fostering local industry with carefully-crafted schemes and policy sweeteners will link India to an ever-growing global chip market.

As it is, the global chip shortage has emphasised the importance of this critical part in electronics.

Young Liu REUTERS

Ecosystem for chips in India for very brave: Foxconn's Liu

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GANDHINAGAR

The ecosystem for semiconductor chips in India is for the "very brave," Foxconn Chairman Young Liu said, as he expressed optimism about the country's semiconductor roadmap during the second edition of SemiconIndia here.

Earlier this month, the Taiwan-based firm, which also supplies for Apple, withdrew from a $19.5 billion semiconductor joint venture with Vedanta as the venture struggled to get a technology partner to make chips used in mobile phones to cars. Foxconn is the world's largest contract electronics maker.

Addressing SemiconIndia, Mr. Liu said "The ecosystem for chips in India is for the very brave. Every experience only positions companies stronger, going forward." Had it not been called off by Foxconn, the JV with Vedanta would have resulted in independent India's biggest-ever corporate investment.

Sri Lanka's Aitken to step up apparel sourcing from India

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Aitken Spence, a Colombo-based conglomerate with presence in diverse businesses, is ramping up its apparel business by stepping up sourcing from India. Aitken Spence Apparel, a wholly owned subsidiary of Aitken Spence, is currently the sourcing, designing and tailoring partner for Reliance Industries (RIL). RIL is an India franchisee for Gap, an American clothing and accessories brand.

Aitken Spence Apparel, which has been supporting Gap's kids wear category for RIL in the last couple of years, is now planning to expand its offering by entering into Gap's men's and women's wear categories as well as into many other brands sold by RIL. The Lankan firm buys raw materials such as base cotton fabric and viscose blend from India and sells the finished products back to RIL to cater to its domestic and export markets.

"We are looking at increasing our sourcing from India for Reliance, by entering into the men's and women's wear categories of Gap soon," Aitken Spence Apparel CEO Lushan Perera told *The Hindu*. "We are also exploring similar engagements with other large clothing brands, apparel start-ups and private labels sold online in India," he added.

Lushan Perera

Aitken Spence has been working with Gap for the last 25 years. Other global brands in Aitken's portfolio include Old Navy, Next, and Lands' End.

'Leveraging Lanka'

According to Mr. Perera, Aitken Spence's recent acquisition of an eight-acre garment factory in Sri Lanka with more than 500 apparel designer machines has increased its production capacity significantly and also brought global labels such as Calvin Klein, Tommy Hilfiger and Ralph Lauren (Polo) into its fold.

Special fabrics and clothing materials from Korea and China attract a high import tax in India. However Sri Lanka, which has a duty-free agreement with these countries, has been able to import these without duty provided the finished goods are meant for export. "Indian apparel industry will hugely benefit from this tax advantage that Lanka has," elaborated Mr. Perera.

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NOSTALGIC

Batting at number 7 brought back memories of my debut: Rohit

Rohit Sharma remembered the days he used to bat at number seven after batting at the same position in the first ODI against West Indies in Bridgetown on Thursday. "We wanted to give game time to the guys who have come in and this reminded of me of my debut when I batted at seven," Rohit said after the match.

NEW APPROACH

Kuldeep is now focused on getting the process correct

Kuldeep Yadav, who won the player-of-the-match in the first ODI against West Indies on Thrursday, said he is trying to make good every given opportunity and more focused on the 'process' now. "I don't think much about taking wickets now. My focus is more on the process that what length I should be bowling."

NO PROBLEM

Starc not interested in getting shoulder scanned immediately

Australia pacer Mitchell Starc says he is not interested in getting his shoulder injury scanned immediately and will worry about it when the Ashes series ends. "Just a bit of discomfort there, something going on there...Nothing major and I'm still able to bowl and do what I need to do" said Starc

MAKING HISTORY

Papua New Guinea seals ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 berth

Papua New Guinea has become the latest team to qualify for the 2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup set to be held in the West Indies and the USA. The team, which beat the Philippines on Friday, is the 15th side to make the grade and the only team from the East Asia-Pacific Qualifier.

Smith and Cummins-Murphy stand help Australia take lead

The visitors manage to go ahead by 12 runs after Broad's double strike and wickets from Anderson, Root, and Wood had put them in a spot of bother at tea on a dramatic second day in an enthralling series

THE ASHES

Reuters
LONDON

Australia led England by 12 runs at the end of a tense and fluctuating second day to leave the final Ashes Test at The Oval on a knife-edge on Friday.

Steve Smith's patient 71 was the backbone of Australia's 295 in reply to England's 283 and a ninth-wicket partnership of 49 between Pat Cummins (36) and Todd Murphy (34) edged the tourists ahead.

Australia, 2-1 up in the series and bidding to win the Ashes in England for the first time since 2001, was bowled out just before the close.

Resuming in the morning on 61-1, Usman Khawaja and Marnus Labuschagne had adopted a no-risk approach, adding only 21 runs in the first 12 overs before the latter was brilliantly caught by Joe Root at first slip off Mark Wood for nine.

Stunner! Root's spectacular effort ended Labuschagne's stay. GETTY IMAGES

England's quick bowlers produced disciplined spells to keep the hosts in the game as Australia reached 115-2 at lunch.

Stuart Broad struck twice after the interval and England dominated the afternoon session. Broad trapped Khawaja lbw for 47 and Travis Head, on four, edged the fast bowler to Bairstow.

James Anderson claimed Mitchell Marshand Alex Carey lifted Root for six before perishing next ball when he miscued a drive.

Mitchell Starc fell to a short ball from Wood for seven, Ben Duckett taking a simple catch at long leg, and Australia was reeling at 186 for seven at tea.

Smith, who narrowly avoided being run out for 42 when the third umpire decided Bairstow had not gathered the ball cleanly before breaking the stumps, reached another Test fifty before trying to sweep Chris Woakes, the ball flying high off the edge of his bat and Bairstow running back to take a good catch.

SCOREBOARD

England — 1st innings: 283 in 54.4 overs.
Australia — 1st innings: Usman Khawaja lbw b Broad 47, David Warner c Crawley b Woakes 24, Marnus Labuschagne c Root b Wood 9, Steve Smith c Bairstow b Woakes 71, Travis Head c Bairstow b Broad 4, Mitchell Marsh b Anderson 16, Alex Carey c Stokes b Root 10, Mitchell Starc c Duckett b Wood 7, Pat Cummins c Stokes b Root 36, Todd Murphy lbw b Woakes 34, Josh Hazlewood (not out) 6; Extras (b-17, lb-12, w-1, nb-1): 31; Total (in 103.1 overs): 295.
Fall of wickets: 1-49, 2-91, 3-115, 4-127, 5-151, 6-170, 7-185, 8-239, 9-288.
England bowling: Broad 20-5-49-2, Anderson 26-9-67-1, Wood 22-4-62-2, Woakes 25-8-61-3, Root 7.1-1-20-2, Brook 3-1-7-0.

Indians eye a better show against West Indies spinners

INDIA IN WEST INDIES

Press Trust of India
BARBADOS

The Indian team will be expected to set right its batting order as it aims to put up a better show with the willow and take an unassailable lead in the three-match series when it faces a below-par West Indies in the second ODI here on Saturday.

Skipper Rohit Sharma and coach Rahul Dravid did face a minor hiccup while trying out the middle-order batters upfront on a track that became a raging turner during the second session but a meagre target of 115 meant that things were smooth for the better part.

Ishan Kishan, despite his impressive fifty, will have to bat in the middle order, a place he will have to vacate during Asia Cup in Sri Lanka if K.L. Rahul makes a comeback.

India would aim at a settled combination before its World Cup campaign at home gets underway.On Thursday, on the Kensington track, Ravindra Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav made the Caribbean batters uncomfortable with the turn and bounce that was on offer.

In full flow: Ishan's half-century at the top ensured India did not have to face any embarrassment in the first ODI. AFP

The track for the second ODI might not be the same one, but its nature could be identical and hence India shouldn't mind batting first.

Facing Gudakesh Motie's orthodox left-arm spin and Yannic Cariah's leg breaks won't be the most difficult proposition, though not easy.

Mukesh Kumar has been exemplary across formats and it will be difficult to drop him unless India thinks of including an extra spinner.

The teams (from):

West Indies: Shai Hope (Capt.), Rovman Powell, Alick Athanaze, Yannic Cariah, Keacy Carty, Dominic Drakes, Shimron Hetmyer, Alzarri Joseph, Brandon King, Kyle Mayers, Gudakesh Motie, Jayden Seales, Romario Shepherd, Kevin Sinclair and Oshane Thomas.

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Shubman Gill, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Virat Kohli, Surya Kumar Yadav, Sanju Samson, Ishan Kishan, Hardik Pandya, Shardul Thakur, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Jaydev Unadkat, Mohd. Siraj, Umran Malik and Mukesh Kumar.

Match starts at 7 p.m. IST.

Harmanpreet to play only if India reaches Asiad final

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Indian women's cricket team captain Harmanpreet Kaur will only be able to play in the Asian Games if her team reaches the final of the mega event starting September 23 in Hangzhou.

Four teams in both men's and women's events - India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh - will be directly playing from the last eight stage, courtesy the ICC T20I ranking on June 1. All the matches will have official T20I status.

Harmanpreet, who has been slapped with a two-match ban for her outburst after the ODI against Bangladesh recently, is ineligible to play the quarterfinal which will surely be against an associate nation followed by the semi-final against a full member nation.

Even the Ruturaj Gaikwad-led men's team has got a direct entry into the quarter-final on the basis of its ICC T20 ranking on June 1. The men's event will comprise 18 teams while women's event will have 14 outfits. The women's event will start on September 19 and end on September 26. The men's event starts on September 28 and the final will be played on October 7.

Leclerc starts from pole after Verstappen's five-grid penalty

BELGIAN GP

Agence France-Presse
SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc will start from pole position for the Belgian Grand Prix despite Max Verstappen having set the fastest time in qualifying on Friday.

Double world champion Verstappen incurred a five-grid penalty for a change of gearbox on his Red Bull demoting him to sixth for Sunday's race.

Verstappen's teammate Sergio Perez will start alongside Leclerc on the front row for the 12th race of the season.

Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton and Carlos Sainz in the other Ferrari occupy the second row ahead of the McLaren's Oscar Piastri and Verstappen.

Saturday features the third sprint race of the season after Azerbaijan and Austria, with qualifying for the standalone race scheduled for Saturday morning at the majestic Ardennes circuit.

The grid: Front row: Leclerc (Ferrari) & Perez (Red Bull); **2nd row:** Hamilton (Mercedes) & Sainz (Ferrari); **3rd row:** Oscar Piastri (McLaren) & Verstappen (Red Bull); **4th row:** Lando Norris (McLaren) & Russell (Mercedes); **5th row:** Alonso (Aston Martin) & Stroll (Aston Martin).

6th row: Yuki Tsunoda (AlphaTauri) & Gasly (Alpine); **7th row:** Magnussen (Haas) & Bottas (Alfa Romeo); **8th row:** Ocon (Alpine) & Albon (Williams); **9th row:** Zhou (Alfa Romeo) & Sargeant (Williams); **10th row:** Ricciardo (AlphaTauri) & Hulkenberg (Haas).

Kishore Jena throws a massive personal best in Sri Lankan National C'ships

ATHLETICS

Sports Bureau

Kishore Kumar Jena threw a personal best 84.38m as he won the men's javelin throw title at the Sri Lankan National athletics championships in Colombo on Friday.

That will place him in the 10th spot in the javelin throw's world list this year and on the second rung in Asia, behind Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra (88.67).

Jena, who took the silver at the recent Inter-State Nationals in Bhubaneswar with 82.87, has improved his personal best by more than six metres in about nine months. His best till last year was 78.05. The big throw could improve his chances of making the cut for next month's World Championships in Budapest through the world rankings route.

Meanwhile, former Asian silver medallist Shivpal Singh was second with 77.36m in Colombo. In other events, Seema won the women's 10,000m while S. Siva finished second in the men's pole vault.

Jisna Mathew (54.89s), Soniya Baishya (54.10) and M.R. Poovamma (55.84) entered the women's final after the heats.

The results (finals, Indian performances only): Men: Javelin throw: 1. Kishore Kumar Jena (84.38m MR), 2. Shivpal Singh (77.36).
Pole vault: 2. S. Siva (4.90m).
Women: 10,000m: 1. Seema (35:39.22s).

Kishore Kumar Jena.
AFI/TWITTER

Goa bounces back to best Delhi, enters maiden final

UTT

Amol Karhadkar
PUNE

Goa Challengers asserted its supremacy over table-topper Dabang Delhi TTC in a nail-biting semifinal to book a place in the Ultimate Table Tennis Season Four final on Friday.

Riding on an all-round effort, Goa – trailing 4-6 at one stage – rode high on Alvaro Robles and T. Reeth Rishya's superlative efforts to edge past G. Sathiyan-led Delhi outfit 8-7 and enter its maiden UTT final.

When these two teams had met in their respective season-openers two Saturdays ago, Goa had stormed past Delhi 11-4.

Superlative show: Reeth rose to the occasion to trump Sreeja.
FOCUS SPORTS/ UTT

With Delhi making sea changes to its line-up and strategies, it turned to be a close affair but in the end, Sreeja Akula couldn't really breach Rishya's resistance in the deciding game.

When Sathiyan avenged his 0-3 loss in the season-opener with a spirited display against in-form Harmeet Desai, things were looking upbeat for Delhi. However, Suthasini Sawethabut levelled the tie at the games apiece by packing off the unorthodox Ayhika Mukherjee.

Robles delivers

When the mixed doubles tie went in favour of Sathiyan and left-handed Barbora Balazova, Goa had to bank its hopes on the higher-ranked Alvaro Robles to stretch the tie into the decider.

Despite Jon Persson's powerful forehand top-spins putting him in lead, Robles rode high on his reach and flummoxed Persson with his side-spins and top-spins to level the tie at six games apiece.

Reeth – used to facing Sreeja's long-pimpled backhand rubber – then unleashed her powerful forehand top-spins and closed the tie out with Sreeja committing a forehand top-spin error off the third ball, trailing 8-10 in the third game.

The results: Dabang Delhi TTC lost to Goa Challengers 7-8 (G. Sathiyan bt Harmeet Desai 11-3, 11-9, 8-11; Ayhika Mukherjee lost to Suthasini Sawettabut 5-11, 11-8, 3-11; Sathiyan & Barbora Balazova bt Harmeet & Suthasini 8-11, 11-10, 11-10; Jon Persson lost to Alvaro Robles 11-6, 10-11, 7-11; Sreeja Akula lost to T. Reeth Rishya 4-11, 11-6, 8-11).

Saturday's semifinal: Chennai Lions vs Puneri Paltan TT, 7.30 p.m.

India assured of at least two medals

VARSITY GAMES

Sports Bureau

India has been assured of at least two medals on its debut in the archery arena of the World University Games in Chengdu.

The compound women's team reached the final to ensure a medal, while Aman Saini and Sangampreet Singh Bisla set up a semifinal clash in the men's individual event to confirm another podium finish.

The compound women's team, comprising Purvasha Shende, Pragati and Avneet Kaur, made it to the title clash against Korea.

Top-seeded Saini, who received a bye, shot consistently well to enter the last-four. He will meet Bisla, who also got a bye.

Avneet compatriot Pragati 145-144, remained in medal hunt by entering the women's individual semifinals.

After losing to China 227-228 in the semifinals, the Indian men's team will take on Korea in the bronze medal match.

In recurve competitions, the men's side will face Italy and the women will meet France in bronze medal matches.

INBRIEF

Ex-Olympic champion pole vaulter Braz suspended

Former Olympic pole vault champion Thiago Braz of Brazil has been provisionally suspended for using the prohibited substance ostarine, the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) announced on Friday. Braz, 29, was crowned Olympic champion in Rio in 2016, and won bronze at the Tokyo Games in 2021.

Indian men's hockey team holds England

The Indian men's hockey team came up with a spirited performance to hold England 1-1 in their third match at the ongoing 100th Anniversary Spanish Hockey Federation International Tournament in Barcelona on Friday. After Sam Ward scored for England in the fifth minute, India levelled in the 29th minute through Harmanpreet Singh. After losing to Spain and drawing with the Netherlands in their previous matches, India was looking for an elusive win and a spot in the final. The draw meant India is out of contention.

Jemimah to play in the Hundred for Superchargers

India batter Jemimah Rodrigues has signed a last-minute deal to play for Northern Superchargers in the upcoming Hundred tournament in England, replacing Australia's Heather Graham. The 22-year-old Jemimah was among the leading run-scorer in the inaugural season of the Hundred but missed a major chunk of the competition last year due to a wrist injury.

Javelin thrower Rohit Yadav out of the Worlds, Asiad

Rohit Yadav, one of the leading male javelin throwers of the country, has gone through a surgery to treat a ligament tear in his right elbow and will miss the upcoming World athletics championships and the Asian Games. Rohit, who was operated upon in Mumbai 11 days ago, has set a target of returning to competition in the middle of next year. "I can compete only next year. The doctor has said that I can resume training in six months", said Rohit.

South eases past North East to stay on top of the table

Kaverappa and Sai Kishore's disciplined bowling meant that Mayank's men had only a modest total to chase which was achieved in just under 20 overs

DEODHAR TROPHY

S. Dipak Ragav
PUDUCHERRY

South Zone had a walk in the park as it cruised to a comfortable nine-wicket win against North East Zone in the third-round match of the Deodhar Trophy here at the Cricket Association of Pondicherry ground on Friday.

A disciplined bowling effort led by pacer V. Kaverappa (3/27) and R. Sai Kishore (3/22) restricted North East to just 136 after the latter elected to bat first.

Chasing a small total, Rohan Kunnummal's delightful knock (87 n.o., 58b, 8x4, 5x6) ensured Mayank Agarwal's men romped home to victory in just 19.3 overs, boosting its already healthy net run rate.

In the morning, South Zone pacers Kaverappa and Arjun Tendulkar were miserly in the first ten overs and gave early breakthroughs.

Kaverappa got Nilesh Lamichaney bowled shouldering arms while the young Arjun, bowling over the wicket, was particularly impressive with his tight lines, cramping the right-handed batters for room. The left-arm medium pacer started with 17 consecutive dot balls and recorded a wicket-maiden in his second over when he found the edge of Anup Ahlawat with a delivery that slanted across the right-hander.

Unleashing: Kunnummal brought full range of his abilities to bring his side home quickly. S.S. KUMAR

Skipper Langlonyamba Meitan and Priyojit Kangabam (40), who top-scored, steadied things for a while with a 30-run stand for the fourth wicket.

However, Kaverappa found the edge twice in the first over of his second spell, removing Langlonyamba (caught behind) and Palzor Tamang (caught at first slip) with deliveries that swung away.

In reply, after a watchful first few overs, Kunnummal unleashed the full range of his abilities with flicks, cuts and beautiful drives through covers.

Kunnammal was particularly severe on pacer Abhishek Kumar, flicking him aerially a few times and lofting him down the ground with disdain.

After his half-century, Kunnummal smashed Abhishek for three sixes in an over, slogging him through the leg-side, as South finished the chase in style to cement its position at the top of the table with a third straight win.

The scores: North East Zone 136 in 49.2 overs (Priyojit Kangabam 40, V. Kaverappa 3/27, R. Sai Kishore 3/22) lost to South Zone 137/1 in 19.3 overs (Rohan Kunnummal 87 n.o., Mayank Agarwal 32).

East Zone 337/8 (Riyan Parag 131, Kumar Kushagra 98, Mayank Yadav 4/63) bt North Zone 249 (Abhishek Sharma 44, Mandeep Singh 50, Riyan Parag 4/57).

Central Zone 243/7 in 50 overs (Yash Dubey 49, Venkatesh Iyer 43, Karn Sharma 44, Shivam Mavi 47 n.o.) lost to West Zone 244/9 in 49.4 overs (Harvik Desai 57, Priyank Panchal 36, Atit Sheth 53 n.o., Shivam Chaudhary 4/18).

Lakshya in semis, Satwik-Chirag out

JAPAN OPEN

Press Trust of India
TOKYO

Lakshya Sen was the lone Indian survivor after he progressed to the Japan Open Super 750 badminton semifinals following the ouster of compatriots H.S. Prannoy and doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty here on Friday.

Lakshya registered a 21-15, 21-19 victory over local player Koki Watanabe.

Prannoy too could have joined Lakshya in the last four but he squandered an opening game win and a 7-1 advantage in the second to eventually suffer a heartbreaking 19-21, 21-18, 21-8 loss to world number one Viktor Axelsen of Denmark. Men's doubles duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty too went down fighting 21-15, 23-25, 21-16 to Olympic champions Lee Yang and Wang Chi-Lan of Chinese Taipei to end their 12-match winning streak.

The results: Men:
Quarterfinals: Lakshya Sen bt Koki Watanabe (Jpn) 21-15, 21-19; Viktor Axelsen (Den) bt H.S. Prannoy 19-21, 21-18, 21-8.
Doubles: Lee Yang & Wang Chi-Lan (Tpe) bt Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty 21-15, 23-25, 21-16.

Jyoshna opens India's tally with a bronze

WEIGHTLIFTING

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Jyoshna Sabar opened India's medal tally on the opening day of the Asian Junior and Youth Weightlifting Championships on Friday with a total lift of 119kg for bronze in the 40kg youth category.

In the men's 49kg youth category, Prince Keil Delos Santos of Philippines lifted 210kg to take gold while compatriot Eron Borres finished second with the same total weight but losing out on countback.

India's Dhanush Loganathan finished fourth with 191kg while V. Kishore finished further back at sixth at the Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida.

The results:
Men: Youth: 49kg: Prince Keil Delos Santos (Phi, 210kg), Eron Borres (Phi, 210kg), Minh Dao Bui (Vie, 209kg).
Women: Youth: 40kg: Phuong Linh Nguyen (Vie, 124kg), Alexsandra Ann Diaz (Phi, 123kg), Jyoshna Sabar (Ind, 119kg).

Arjun determined to do well in the Rally of Coimbatore

MOTORSPORTS

Sports Bureau
COIMBATORE

A. Arjun Rao and his co-driver Rajagopal Satish of Mandovi Racing aim to finish on top yet again in the Rally of Coimbatore, the third round of the Blueband FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship for four-wheelers, which was flagged off from the Jenney's Club here on Friday.

With two top finishes in two rounds (Chennai & Itanagar) and with the big guns like Gaurav Gill, defending champion Karna Kadur, and Amittrajit Ghosh ready to fire, it may not be easy for Arjun, the overall championship leader.

Time and effort

"I understand, but we are determined to do well here. We have worked hard for it and put in our time and effort as much as the best of the rest in fray," said Arjun.

"Now that we have a good lead, we want to consolidate our standings in the championship points table. It's always good to be on a winning streak as it helps us learn a lot from what we did and did not in the first two rounds," he added.

The drivers did the race earlier on Friday and most of them said it would be tough as the stages, ten in all, are tight and challenging.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

BFC signs forward Ryan Williams
Bengaluru FC, on Friday, announced the signing of Australia international Ryan Williams on a one-year deal, with an option to extend. The 29-year-old attacker most recently turned out for A-League side Perth Glory, for whom he scored four goals in 24 appearances in the 2022-23 season. A product of the Portsmouth academy in England, Williams has played for the Portsmouth senior team 67 times, apart from representing the likes of Fulham and Rotherham United.

Young champs: Yuktha and Sudharshan with their reward.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Young Lions Club beats Modern CC
Vishal Sanjay Kumar's four-wicket haul (4/20) was the highlight as Young Lions Club defeated Modern CC by three wickets in a rain-curtailed KSCA Twenty20 tournament match.
The scores: Modern CC 91/9 in 13 overs (Pratheek 39, Vishal Sanjay Kumar 4/20) lost to Young Lions Club 92/7 in 11.4 overs [Match revised to 13 overs a side because of rain].
Jawans CC 122/7 in 20 overs (M.B. Shivam 53, Yaseer Nihal 32 n.o., K. Adithyan 3/18, Macneil Hadley Noronha 3/13) vs. Cambridge CC; [Match was decided via a Super Over because of rain]; **Super Over:** Cambridge 15 for no loss lost to Jawans 19 for no loss.
Jolly Cricketers 96/4 in 14 overs (S. Sumukha Prasad 40, Akshay R. Patil 3/12) vs. Wilson Garden CC; [Match was decided via a Super Over because of rain]; **Super Over:** Wilson Garden 3/2 in 0.5 overs lost to Jolly Cricketers six for no loss in 0.4 overs.
Vijaya CC 36/3 in six overs vs. FUCC (2) [Match was decided via a Super Over because of rain]; **Super Over I:** FUCC (2) 9/1 tied with Vijaya 9/2; **Super Over II:** Vijaya 13 for no loss bt FUCC (2) 2/1.
Jawahar SC (1) 107/6 in 11 overs (Sourab Muttur 28, Vedanth Iyer 33) bt Select Cricketers 79/8 in 11 overs (Amey U. Shanbhag 3/12) [Match revised to 11 overs a side because of rain].

Alchemy wins big
Alchemy IFA hammered Football School of Karnataka 9-0 in the KSFA Bangalore North & South C-division league on Friday.
Other results: Rebels Phoenix 2 bt Undisputed FC 0; Universal Blues FC 1 bt Vanquishers Sports 0.

Sudharshan, Yuktha u-11 singles champs
Sudharshan A. Raju and Yuktha Harsha emerged the boys' and girls' under-11 singles champions respectively in the Canara Union State-ranking table tennis tournament on Friday.
The results (finals): U-11: Boys: Sudharshan A. Raj bt Ankush Baliga 11-9, 5-11, 11-7, 11-5; **Girls:** Yuktha Harsha bt Krisha P. Karkera 11-6, 11-3, 11-6.

IAU 100KM Asia and Oceania Championship on July 30
The International Association of Ultra Runners (IAU) 100KM Asia and Oceania Championship is scheduled to be held at the GKVK campus on July 30. Last year, Bengaluru had hosted the IAU 24Hr Asia and Oceania Championship at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium.
The 100KM event, which is being held in association with the Athletics Federation of India and organised by NEB Sports, will see participants from various countries including India, Australia, Chinese Taipei, New Zealand, Japan, Cambodia and Mongolia.
India will field a team of nine Ultra runners led by Vipul Kumar, who has a personal best of 7 hours and 4 minutes.

Acharya Institute victorious
Acharya Institute of Technology defeated Don Bosco Institute of Technology 13-6 in the final to win the State-level VTU baseball tournament held in Mysuru recently.

LIVE TELECAST

BWF: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6.30 a.m.
Football: Women's World Cup, FanCode, 1 p.m. 3.30 & 6 p.m.
The Ashes: 5th Test, day 3, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.
Formula One: Belgian GP, Sprint Shootout, F1 TV & F1 TV Pro App, 3.30 p.m.; Sprint Race, 8 p.m.
Formula E: British GP (Qualifying), SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5.30 p.m.; Main Race, 9.30 p.m.
West Indies vs India: 2nd ODI, DD Sports, FanCode & Jio Cinema App, 7 p.m.
UTT: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7 p.m.

Qin breaks record for a clean sweep in men's breaststroke

SWIMMING WORLDS

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FUKUOKA

I am the best! Qin celebrates his world record effort in the 200m breaststroke that gave him a third gold medal. AP

China's Qin Haiyang broke the men's 200m breaststroke world record to complete an unprecedented clean sweep in that type of event at swimming's World championships on Friday, while Australian teen Mollie O'Callaghan also made history.

Qin powered home in 2min, 05.48sec to add the 200m title to the 50m and 100m breaststroke golds he won earlier in the week, the first time any swimmer has won all three events in one championships.

Qin finished ahead of previous 200m record holder Zac Stubblety-Cook of Australia, who clocked 2:06.40, and American Matt Fallon, who was third on 2:07.74.

Qin said winning all three breaststroke events had been his goal coming into the championships in Fukuoka, but breaking the record had been "a surprise".

O'Callaghan also broke new ground when she became the first woman to complete a 100m-200m freestyle double.

O'Callaghan touched the wall in 52.16sec to defend her 100m freestyle title, beating Hong Kong's Siobhan Haughey on 52.49 and Marrit Steenbergen of the Netherlands on 52.71.

The 19-year-old O'Callaghan claimed the 200m title earlier in the week in a world record time and she said it was "such a weird feeling" to complete the double.

"I didn't even know that no woman had done that, and to be the first is just incredible," she said.

The results: Men: 200m backstroke: 1. Hubert Kos (Hun) 1: 54.14s, 2. Ryan Murphy (USA) 1:54.83, 3. Roman Mityukov (Sui) 1:55.34; **200m breaststroke:** Qin Haiyang (Chn) 2: 05.48s, 2. Zac Stubblety-Cook (Aus) 2:06.40, 3. Matt Fallon (USA) 2:07.74; **4x200m freestyle:** 1. Great Britain 6: 59.08s, 2. USA 7:00.02, 3. Australia 7:02.13.
Women: 100m freestyle: Mollie O'Callaghan (Aus) 52.16s, 2. Siobhan Haughey (HK) 52.49, 3. Marrit Steenbergen (Ned) 52.71; **200m breaststroke:** 1. Tatjana Schoenmaker (RSA) 2:20.80s, 2. Lilly King (USA) 2:21.23, 3. Tes Schouten (Ned) 2:21.63.

England closes in on last 16 spot

WOMEN'S WC

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SYDNEY

England closed in on a place in the last 16 of the Women's World Cup with a 1-0 win over Denmark on Friday but its victory was overshadowed by a potentially serious injury to key midfielder Keira Walsh.

Lauren James scored the only goal of the game in Sydney in the sixth minute for the reigning European champion, bending in a superb strike from outside the box.

Sarina Wiegman's side had more of the possession and chances, but it found itself hanging on at the end as Amalie Vangsgaard hit the post with a header for Denmark.

England's second win in as many games in Group D meant it could have secures a place in the knockout rounds with a match to spare if China failed to beat debutants Haiti in Adelaide.

But substitute Wang Shuang scored a 74th-minute penalty as China survived for more than an hour with 10 players to beat debutants Haiti 1-0 and keep its dreams alive.

Lauren James. AP

Argentina scored two game-saving goals in a flurry of five minutes during the second half to salvage a 2-2 draw with South Africa.

The draw gave both teams a single point in Group G.

The results: Group D: England 1 (James 6) bt Denmark 0; China 1 (Wang 74-pen) bt Haiti 0.
Group G: Argentina 2 (Braun 74, Nunez 79) drew with South Africa 2 (Motlhalo 30, Kgatlana 66).